The Crumb

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We Will All Be Welcomed Well

Director Jim Maddox will officially open this 77th session of the Bread Loaf School of English with a welcoming address tonight in the Burgess Meredith Theater at 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow; Jim will announce the specifics at the start or cease of his speech.

The Rigors of Registration

All students must pay a visit to Elaine Hall in the Bread Loaf Office before classes begin (i.e. today) to ensure accurate course registration and billing. A representative from the Middlebury Accounting and Financial Aid offices will be on hand in the Blue Parlor along with Marilyn Delaney and Sandy Legault. If you wish to change your course schedule, please check with Elaine ASAP.

Identity Ideology

Middlebury College's hermeneutic hierarchy requires students, faculty, and staff to procure picture I.D. cards for entrance to fitness facilities downtown. Bar codes will also be affixed to the laminated cards so that materials may be checked out of the library. Pictures will be taken and I.D.'s distributed upstairs at Davison Library from 8 until 4 tomorrow (Wednesday). This is your *one and only* opportunity for official photogenic fulfillment here on the Mountain, so be sure to dress your best for the birdie. (If you miss this opportunity, you'll have to go downtown to Campus Security in Carr Hall to get your I.D.)

The Key to Keys

Bread Loaf rooms now have locks on all the doors, even though some old-timers still prefer the "open door" policies of yore. You can lock and unlock your door from the inside to your heart's content, but a key is required to lock it from the outside. These keys are available at the Front Desk; if you have a roommate, BOTH of you must go to the Front Desk TOGETHER. Lost keys will cost you $25; if you're accidentally locked out of your room, you will have to wait until a Front Desk staff person is available to gain re-entry.

Discourse on Dining

To keep you well-fed and carefully caffeinated throughout the summer, the Bread Loaf Dining Room in the Inn is staffed by a colossal corps of student waiters and waitresses whose sole mission is to provide a delightful and delectable dining experience for all. HeadWaiters Laurie Greco and Todd Sumner will co-captain the crew this summer. Please be prompt for meals and move along quickly after finishing, as these students must clean up and hustle off to classes themselves after meals. Diners are also urged to bring their own travel mugs for coffee-to-go. Paper take-out cups are environmentally unfriendly, and we just won't stand for that in this beautiful setting. Know your dining hall signs and symbols: crossed silverware at a place setting is a time-honored indicator that the seat is occupied. Be forewarned that weekend breakfasts are self-service and therefore require a greater level of wakefulness than weekday breakfasts. Guests may purchase meal tickets at the Front Desk for a modest fee, as can off-campus students. Market prices have been set at $4 for breakfast, $6 for lunch, and $10 for dinner (all applicable taxes included; we'll talk tips later in the summer).

The Snack Bar

For those few who believe that unquiet meals make ill digestions, or for those who just aren't on the meal plan, a snack bar stands tucked in the far corner of the Barn and offers fast-food fare in a casual atmosphere. Alan Badger will be one of the staff members behind the counter, with another to be named shortly. Soda and munchie machines are also located in the Barn for late-night refreshment. Please bring your own mug if you're coming for coffee or tea because paper take-out cups are environmentally unfriendly and we just won't stand for that in this beautiful setting.

The Front Desk (ext. 0)

Innkeepers Victoria and Edward Brown serve as Bread Loaf's Friendly Folks in the Know and can assist you with just about everything. They themselves are assisted by Peter Newton, Nate Burt (who doubles as the Bread Loaf Taxi Driver), and Heather Morin-Best (who doubles as the Bookstore Manager). This crew will do their best to answer your questions; they also serve as check-changers, mail-managers, switchboard-switchers, and sporting-good-specialists. The Front Desk also serves as Bread Loaf's Lost and Found Center.

Bread Loaf Taxi

The afore-mentioned Nate Burt offers safe passage to and from the bustling burg of Middlebury every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoon in the Bread Loaf Taxi Van. The van departs from the Inn porch at 2 p.m. sharp and picks up passengers from the Middlebury post office at 4 p.m. sharp. Your thankful smile and gracious demeanor are the only charge for this scenic excursion.

The Bread Loaf Office (ext. 29 or 83)

Afore-mentioned Elaine Hall, Marilyn Delaney, and Sandy Legault keep the whole Bread Loaf operation on track from the back of the Inn. They also schedule appointments for Director Jim Maddox. This year's student office assistant and copier-operator is Mary Burnham. Ralph Sneeden and his henchfolk Shue Bellows and Jane Cadwell serve as Assistants to the Director and labor relentlessly to coax some order out of Bread Loaf's beautiful chaos.

Bread Loaf Bookstore (ext. 59)

Under the fire escape out behind Annex, you'll find a green door that leads into the world of afore-mentioned Heather Best, Bread

Loaf's Bookstore Manager. You'll find all sorts of sundry items for sale down there, from textbooks to notebooks to bug spray and sunscreen. The store will remain open from 9 to 4 today and tomorrow. Thenceforth, the schedule will return to regular hours, which are listed on the attached schedule. The afore-mentioned Peter Newton will be helping Heather out at the start of the session. Both of them will insist that you only purchase books for your own courses and hold off on others until all students have had a chance to buy the texts they need for their classes. This includes courses which you may be auditing.

Check-Cashing

Unless the bank has been broken, the Front Desk can cash checks for up to $75 during most business hours. Please make checks payable to "Middlebury College" and write your student I.D. number on the front.

Child Care (Croutons, 388-4163)

For those with offspring, Bread Loaf offers a child care service lovingly known as Croutons. This year's Head Croutoneer is Julia Goodwin; she will be assisted by Patricia Dougherty, Erika Hall, Jean LeBlanc, Lillian Reeves, and Nicole Tatro. Children can be registered today and tomorrow morning at the Crouton's playground (alongside Dragon's Den down Route 125).

Davison Library (ext. 39 or 40)

Brent Goeres, Judy Watts, Chris Brady, and Rachel Donadio await your patronage in Davison Library this summer. Whether you're coveting a cozy fireplace by which to thumb through theory, searching out a "text" of the *Crumb* for deconstructive "analysis," or just looking for a good book to read, they're the ones who can show you the way. A videotape library (with viewing booth) also exists in Davison; larger groups can watch tapes in the Milkhouse (next to the Barn) after reserving a time with the librarian. Also watch for special exhibits throughout the summer. The Library will be open from 8 a.m. to midnight daily.

Computer Center (ext. 41)

Down under Davison library, the "Apple Cellar" features a number of computers and printers to satiate your cyberspatial inclinations. It also has an air conditioner for virtually cool reclusion on hot and humid days. Apple Cellar Director Caroline Eisner and her staff of student assistants (Janice Fitzgerald, Thomas Hadjuk, Bill Knauer, John Mancuso, Christopher Onken, Paul Parsons, and Kianti Walcott) help ensure that it's all user-friendly and that the mice don't byte. Rocky Gooch, the Telecommunications Director of the Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network, and Robert Lagerman, the Director of BreadNet, will also be on hand to help get you hooked up and hooked onto the electronic highway. Laserwriter services are available for 10¢ a page. Normal operating hours begin tomorrow; check the attached schedule for times. Workshops and training sessions on a number of computer-related topics will be announced throughout the term, so read your *Crumbs* from cover to cover.

Healthful Hints

This year's nursing staff in the Infirmary consists of Sandy Brutkowski, Kathy Heitkamp, and Alison Parker, who are on hand to handle a number of medical situations. In case of extreme medical emergencies, call an ambulance first (388-3333) and notify the Front Desk for additional assistance. After hours, call extension 18 or contact Jim Maddox at 388-7703 after calling for the ambulance.

Students are warned that rabies has spread into our region in several animal populations, including raccoons, foxes, and skunks. Please exercise caution around these critters, no matter how cute they may appear. Notify the Front Desk immediately if you spot any animal behaving strangely anywhere on campus, even at Gilmore.

Linen Lore and Laundry Legerdemain

The Bread Loaf community washes and dries its laundry in the small white building beside the Barn parking lot. Laundry machines are $1.00 per load; quarters are available at the Front Desk. Please be patient with the machines; they are sometimes prone to cogitate before agitating. Verbal therapy has been known to cure this problematic procrastination, but physical therapy only triggers the machine's automatic shutdown mechanism.

Nu-Way linen service subscribers may pick up their sheets and towels today at the Front Desk. Henceforth, linen exchange will occur on a weekly basis; check the *Crumb* for days and times.

Mail Methodology

The Front Desk also doubles as the Bread Loaf Rural Station Post Office. Mailboxes are assigned on a carefully calculated 1:2 box/student ratio, so exercise similar care when sorting through your mail. Incoming mail should be in your box by 10-ish each morning; outgoing mail is collected at 4-ish. U.P.S. shipments should be dropped off between 9 and noon on Monday through Saturday. Outgoing letters and cards should be dropped into the mailslot (in the door to the left of the mailboxes). An assortment of stamps may also be purchased at the Front Desk.

Do's and Don'ts of Dialing

You can call any campus extension by dialing that number on the beige campus phones in each dorm. Calls to local exchanges can be made by dialing 9 and then the number (a busy signal after the 9 means that no outgoing lines are available. Hang up and try again, and again, and again if need be). Calling card calls may be placed by dialing 9-1-800-and the number of the service; some of the most commonly called carriers have their numbers posted by the phones. (***Please remember the 9***! Otherwise you'll ring up the women in Tamarack at extension 18, and they can get fairly feisty after fifty or so such flub-ups.) Collect and third-party calls which cannot be placed via an 800 number can be handled by the Front Desk staff (dial 0).

As the Bread Loaf phone system has a very limited number of available lines, please cut to the chase in your conversations and keep your off-campus calls brief so that others may get an outside line. For those who feel the need to burn the wires 'twixt hither and yon, more private public pay phones are placed strategically in the Inn, in Gilmore, in the booth beside the laundromat, and on the first floor of the Barn classroom area.

Please observe the posted switchboard hours when using the dormitory phones, and ask your incoming callers to observe them as well. Also, be forewarned that your call may be cut short when the switchboard shuts down at the end of the day. Calls of a life-or-death nature will be routed through to campus at all times.

Fax Facts and Copy Costs

The Bread Loaf Office doubles as the local copy shop for course-required hand-outs *only*. A self-service pay-per-copy machine resides in the library for all other duplicating demands.

The Bread Loaf Office can also send and receive faxes. Outgoing items cost $1.00 a page. If you anticipate receiving a fax, please see Elaine to make arrangements. The Office is often a bustling beehive of activity, so please limit your faxing to items of urgency.

Parking Practicum

Please park your vehicle *only* in the designated parking area near the Barn when on the main campus. Vermont State Law prohibits parking at all times along Route 125. Do not park behind the Inn or along any of the campus roads as you will obstruct food delivery and emergency vehicles, thereby jeopardizing the safety and gastronomic integrity of the entire community. You will also detract drastically from the scenic walkways of our fair campus. Improperly parked vehicles will not only be towed; they will be tarred and feathered, drawn and quartered, then thoroughly parsed for parts.

Fitness Formalities

Intramural soccer and volleyball games should begin shortly; if you yourself have a hankering to be a Recreational Instigator, talk to Ralph or ask the HeadWaiters to make a mealtime plea for potential players. Sunday afternoon softball games are a vital Bread Loaf tradition, as are the twice-weekly Ultimate Frisbee matches. A tennis tournament ("Wimbleloaf") may take place later in the summer if a coordinator comes forward and if the courts recover from a very long winter and very wet spring. The Front Desk has some sports equipment available for public use (volleyballs, a croquet set, and the odd - very odd - tennis racquet); they also have trail maps and guidebooks for hike-likers and backpacking addicts.

The downtown Middlebury Campus offers an Olympic-size swimming pool and an extensive fitness center with both aerobic (Stairmasters, rowers, treadmills, and bicycles) and weight-training (freeweights and Nautilus) equipment; schedules and phone numbers are on the back page. Remember: you *must* bring your I.D. for admission to the downtown facilities.

When Exercising, Exercise Caution

Walking, jogging, and biking alongside Route 125 can be quite dangerous, so please be extremely cautious. Remember: those on foot stay on the left facing oncoming traffic; those on wheels stay on the right with the flow of traffic. The Front Desk will gladly offer safer alternatives for those who wish to exercise outdoors.

Bikers should keep their cycles locked at all times (except when being ridden, of course). Bicycles are not allowed in dorm hallways, doorways, porches, or fire escapes for reasons which should be obvious to mature adults.

No Smoke, No Fire

Due to Vermont's strict anti-smoking regulations, cigarette puffing is prohibited in *all* public buildings, both here on campus and in Vermont proper. Campus smoke detectors are sensitive and might be set off by cigarette smoke; if this fate befalls you while lighting up illegally, air out your room and fan the smoke away from the alarm. If the alarm beeps, buzzes, chirrups, or twitters intermittently, it's simply telling you in Alarmese that it craves a new battery. The Front Desk will gladly assist in correcting the problem. If you must smoke despite Vermont's implicit insistence otherwise, please put your butts in the cans provided for that purpose. The Front Desk staff also requests that smokers refrain from indulging in the front of the Inn as the smoke blows back into the office and lobby area.

Hot plates and coffee makers are contraband items at Bread Loaf due to fire hazard. Should they be found in your room, they will be commandeered and sold off cheap at one of the many local yard sales.

Dailies' Delivery

For those with newspaper subscriptions, daily editions will be available by noon at the Front Desk. Be sure to recycle the papers in the appropriate bin once you're sated with the state of the nations.

Curtain Call

This Wednesday at 7:30 in Barn A (on the lower west side of the classroom building), open auditions will be held for roles in three of the summer's six theatrical productions. Three women aged 24-40 are needed for *Another Part of the House*, while three men and one woman of no specific age are needed for *The Devils*. One ten-year-old girl is also needed for a role in *A Girl's Life*.

Those interested in helping out backstage with costumes, sets, props, and lights should stop by the Theater as soon as possible and see John Pomeroy.

Astral Projection

Would-be astronomers, learn'd or not, are welcome to wander off into the mystical moist night-air and look up in perfect silence at the stars with the School telescope, which is available for public use at the Front Desk. Bring your I.D. to borrow it.

Paradise Recycled

As you may have already guessed, we just won't stand for environmental unfriendliness in this beautiful setting. Recycling in Vermont is mandatory, so please do your part by sorting your trash and utilizing the proper recycling bins placed strategically around campus. Dead batteries should be brought to the box near the Front Desk for proper disposal. The Great Spirit appreciates your efforts to reduce, reuse, and recycle to the greatest extent possible.

The Quixotic *Crumb*

Speaking of recycling... The *Crumb*, that humble publication you're regarding with such intense scrutiny and bemusement right this very instant, appears like a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma on a daily basis on tables at lunch-time, at the Front Desk, and at the Library in order to provide the entire Bread Loaf community with the new news at the new court, along with other announcements, observations, and occasional departures of a more provocative and/or creative bent so various, so beautiful, so new, some of which you may, if you so wish, devise with wit and write with pen yourselves for submission at the Front Desk by 8:30 a.m. that very same day. Don't miss an encore presentation of our "Top Ten" lists starting in tomorrow's edition. The *CyberCrumb*, a "paper-impaired" reproduction of the *Crumb*, is teleported each day on BreadNet to Bread Loaf's sister sites in Santa Fe and Oxford (and sometimes they teleport stuff *back*!). Stop by the CyberBarn to check it out.

BREAD LOAF HOURS 1996

Front Desk **ext. 0**	Monday - Saturday Sunday	8 a.m. - 8 p.m. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Switchboard	Monday - Saturday Sunday	8 a.m. - 11 p.m. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Meals	Monday - Friday Saturday, Sunday	Breakfast: 7:30 - 8 a.m. Lunch: 1 - 1:15 p.m. Dinner: 6 - 6:15 p.m. Breakfast: 8 - 8:30 a.m. Lunch: 1-1:15 p.m. Dinner: 6 - 6:15 p.m.
Snack Bar **ext. 43**	Daily	7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. (Grill closes at 10:30 p.m.; snack bar may close early on Fridays and Saturdays)
Bookstore **ext. 59**	Mon, Wed, Fri Tues, Thurs	8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Library, ext. 39	Daily	8 a.m. - midnight
Bread Loaf Office **ext. 29**	Monday - Friday	8ish - lunch 1:45 - 4 p.m.
Apple Cellar **ext. 41**	Monday - Friday Saturday Sunday	8:30 a.m. - midnight 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 9 a.m. - midnight
Infirmary **ext. 14**	Monday - Friday Saturday, Sunday	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 10 a.m - 4 p.m.
Field House and Fitness Center **(388-3711 x.5840)**	Monday - Friday Saturday, Sunday	Noon - 8:30 p.m. Noon - 5:30 p.m.
Swimming Pool **(at McCullough)** **(388-3711 x.5246)**	Monday - Saturday Sunday	7 - 9 a.m. adults only 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. general swim 12p.m. - 1 p.m. adults only 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. general swim 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. adults only 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. general swim 8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. adults only

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Maddox Makes Seismic Mark

Following his wildly well-received opening night address, Jim Maddox has issued a formal apology to those students from Alaska who endured this past year's earthquake. In his remarks, Jim noted that the quake registered a 5.6 on the Richter scale, when in fact it had been recorded at 6.4. Even so, he'd like it known that by comparison, the thundering applause which followed his speech registered a whopping 8.4 on the Theater's built-in seismograph.

You Oughta Be in Pictures

Faculty, students and staff should stop by Davison Library before 4 p.m. today to pick up picture I.D. cards. You'll also need to check in at the library desk to have a bar code affixed to the card; this will allow you to check out books for the summer. Failure to follow through on this process will necessitate your traveling downtown to get an I.D. card and will also create headaches for the Davison crew, so be sure to swing by the library this afternoon if you haven't already.

Audacious Auditions and Short Story Shenanigans

If you'd like to act at Bread Loaf this summer, there are three ways you can do it:

First, roles are available in three of the new plays being presented by the Acting Ensemble. Three good roles for women (aged 24-40) are open in *Another Part of the House*, a new play by Migdalia Cruz. This play will rehearse July 1-6 and play (script in hand) July 6-7. There are three good roles for men in *The Devils*, adapted from Dostoyevski's novel *The Possessed*. It rehearses July 9-12 and plays in a reading on July 12. One role for a ten-year-old girl is available in Kathleen Tolin's *A Girl's Life*, which rehearses from July 18-August 2 and plays in a workshop production August 2-4. To audition for these roles, come to Barn A this evening at 7:30. You don't need to prepare anything.

Second, students are invited to participate in The Short Story Project. Acting Ensemble member Barry Press will lead a series of workshops, culminating in a school presentation at the end of the summer. Press writes, "The project will take literature from the page to the stage, without altering the text in any significant way, with the intent to convey the experience of the story by using very simple staging, movement, sound, a few props, a suggestion of costume, and whatever furniture exists in the performance space. It may be a replication of the story or an abstraction of it." Anyone interested in learning more about this opportunity should attend a meeting tomorrow at 12:30 in the Blue Parlor (beside the Bread Loaf office in the Inn). Regular sessions throughout the term will commence thereafter.

Third, students in the Playwriting class will need actors to read scenes. Little or no rehearsal is required. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board soon for this opportunity.

The Week at a Glance

Wednesday		
5:00	NEH Student Reception	Earthworm Manor
7:30	Theater Auditions	Barn A
Thursday		
5:00	First-Year Student Reception	Earthworm Manor
Friday		
4:45	Senior Meeting	Blue Parlor
Late	Film (TBA)	Barn
Saturday		
7:30	*The Flying Doctor* and *Scapin*	Barn
9-ish	Square Dance	Barn
Sunday		
2:00	Softball Game	Playing Field
7:30	Blue Parlor Reading	Blue Parlor

Of Doctors, Directors, and Do-Sa-Doers

This Saturday evening at 7:30 in the Barn, the Bread Loaf community will be treated to a presentation of *The Flying Doctor* and selections from a new version of Moliere's *Scapin*, both adapted and directed by visiting artist Jeff Hoyle. Following the performance (and perhaps, as Jim Maddox so subtly punned, "bleeding into it"), a Square Dance will fill the Barn with twangs, stomps, and general yahooery. All are invited for the fun.

Friday Night Free-for-All

This Friday night, the Barn will be used as rehearsal space for the theatrical performance on Saturday. Even so, members of the Bread Loaf community are welcome to stop by and watch as the play is readied for its premiere. Traffic to and from the snack bar may continue during the rehearsal, but please be respectful of the actors. Friday night will also feature a free late-night (i.e. after the rehearsal) film (title to be announced) in the Barn. If the weather remains cool, plan to bring a blanket with you in which to snuggle up during the movie.

First-Year Folks' Fête

There will be a welcoming reception for first-year students tomorrow afternoon at 5 p.m. on the lawn beside Earthworm Manor (a short walk from campus back along Route 125). In the event of rain, the party will move inside the Bread Loaf Barn. Students attending the function will receive further information about the School and its internal workings, so please plan on attending.

From Bread Loaf to Ultimate Thule

Bread Loaf's informal Ultimate Frisbee squad will take not to distant Thule, but to the nearby playing fields this evening at 7:30 for the first games of the summer. No experience is needed to play; in fact, rules for this easy-to-learn game read like a popular first grade primer: Run. Throw. Catch. See HeadWaiter and Disk Dominatrix Laurie Greco for more information. Otherwise, just show up tonight and see Laurie run.

NEH Students Assemble

Those students attending the National Endowment for the Humanities program in Theater this summer are invited to an outside reception this afternoon at 5 p.m. at Earthworm Manor. In the event of inclement weather, the festivities will simply move indoors from the lawn.

Parlor Praetor Position Open; Readers' Response Encouraged

Once again this summer, Bread Loaf will offer a series of Blue Parlor readings by student and staff members wishing to share their fiction, poetry, and creative non-fiction. At press time, a host or hostess for the Sunday night activity is needed; please see Elaine today to let your intentions and desires be known (we will appoint the ParlorPerson tomorrow morn). In the meantime, those community members wishing to share their work are encouraged to sign up at the Front Desk. It's a first-come, first-served basis in terms of available dates, so don't dally.

Revolution Number: 9

The Tamarack extension: It was the best of lines; it was the worst of lines. Despite warnings in yesterday's *Crumb*, Bread Loaf residents have already upset the social balance with their refusal to dial "9" before calling an outside number, thereby addling the ladies of Tamarack toward revolt by dialing their "18" extension to place toll-free and long-distance calling card calls. Please, please, ***please*** dial 9 before placing your off-campus calls. 'Tis a far better thing for us all if you do.

Joy in the Sweet Voice... We in Ourselves Rejoice!

Each summer, the School assembles an impressive choir of voices for the Bread Loaf Madrigalists, which will once again be directed by the ever-delightful Shawna Boll. Rehearsals will take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 4:40-5:30 in the Barn. Shawna will meet with new members interested in learning more tomorrow afternoon at 4:40 in the Barn; the regular rehearsal schedule commences next week. Those old-timers planning to sing should drop a note (postally, not musically) in Shawna's mailbox.

'Better is bread with a happy heart
Than wealth with vexation.'
-- Amenemope

Senior Say-So

Members of this summer's Senior Class are asked to assemble on Friday afternoon at 4:45 in the Blue Parlor. Elections will take place and important information about senior rights and responsibilities proffered.

Looking for Klingensteins

Jim Maddox requests that anyone who is now or has ever been a Klingenstein Fellow, or anyone who has ever had contact with the Klingenstein Foundation, please see him or drop him a note via the Bread Loaf office or Front Desk.

Soccer Suckers Succored

Jay Wood entreats all soccer aficionados to sign up on the bulletin board outside the dining hall for this summer's informal games. The first kick-around will take place over by the volleyball net this Friday around 3:00; contact Jay for more details.

Hank-y Panky

Costume Designer Ellen McCartney needs a baby-sitter for her five-year-old son Hank on Friday and Saturday evenings, June 28 and 29, from 7-11 p.m. Please call her at 767-4160 or leave her a message at the Front Desk if you can help out.

Tipsy Taxi Returns

Community-minded community members who can offer rides to and from town for individuals best kept off Route 125's winding roadway should sign up to be "Tipsy Taxi Drivers" at the Front Desk. Similarly, those in need of transport for the intoxicated should call the campus for assistance when visiting local pubs, bars, and breweries.

Symphony Celebrates Sousa Centennial

This Friday night, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra will perform under the stars at Middlebury College's Youngman Stadium in celebration of John Phillip Sousa's 100th birthday. The program will culminate in a dazzling display of pyrotechnic perfervidness. Gates open at 5:00 for those wishing to pack a picnic dinner; the concert commences at 7:30. Tickets are $15 in advance, $18 at the door, and may be obtained at the Sheldon Museum in Middlebury, at the College Center for the Arts box office, or via Emmie Donadio at 388-3711 x. 2240 (call between 9 and 4, please).

Waiter Wannabes Welcomed

For those non-waiters who crave the heft of a steaming carafe, or who wish to explore the hidden sights and smells of the Bread Loaf kitchen, substitute positions on the waitstaff often become available and can provide you with some pocket change to boot. Sign up on the list near the salad bar, or speak to HeadWaiters Todd or Laurie for more information.

Top Ten Tradition Trundles On

In past summers, students and staff have contributed to Bread Loaf's own version of the "Top Ten List" made infamous by late-night legend David Letterman. Herewith, an updated encore version of our original Top Ten attempt:

Top Ten Reasons People Come to Bread Loaf

10. You'll come for the classes; you'll stay for the *Crumb*.
9. It's all those balmy bugless afternoons spent sunning and swimming at Johnson Pond.
8. You finally get to *meet* Elaine Hall.
7. Recent issue of *GQ* featured fashion spread on alluring "Guys of Gilmore."
6. The finely manicured clay/grass tennis courts.
5. Confused Bread Loaf with language schools; hoped to spend summer meeting French chicks.
4. Came to Vermont early to avoid long ski lift lines.
3. Only spot in rural America where Rush Limbaugh can't be tuned in on radio.
2. Inside tip that rain location for Summer Olympics is Ripton.
1. The Meat Loaf School of Mathematics was all full up.

Next up: Top Ten *Other* Things Jim Maddox Didn't Tell Us in His Opening Remarks (aside from the history of Joseph Battell). If you'd like to contribute an item or two (or ten), either by yourself or as a group, send it along to The *Crumb* by Thursday dinner for possible publication in the Friday's issue.

*Crumb*y Corrigendum

Yesterday's *Crumb* informed students to dial "18" in case of after-hours emergencies. This number should have been the extension for Maris Cottage, "13." Please make the appropriate changes on your copy for future reference.

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Moliere Meets the Mountain

Saturday evening at 7:30, the Acting Ensemble and visiting artist Jeff Hoyle will present a staged reading of *The Flying Doctor* by Moliere, along with scenes from Jeff's new version of Moliere's comedy *Scapin*. The performance will begin outside the Barn and require seating on the ground, so plan to bring a cushion or blanket along. The show will then move inside the Barn for its completion. Total running time is approximately 1 hour, 15 minutes.

Feature Film on Friday

This Friday evening's film, presented following rehearsals for the Moliere performance (time approximate 10-10:30) will be "The Red Shoes," of which Stephen Donadio has written, "Michael Powell's unforgettable wild romantic film, with Moira Shearer. In its hypnotic intensity and deep feeling, a decisive influence on the work of Scorsese." All are welcome to the free showing in the Barn.

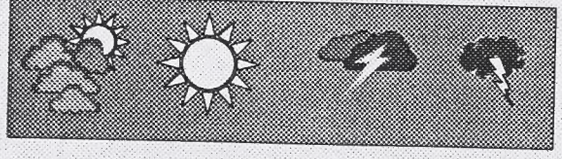
From "Red Shoes" to "Golden Slippers"

Get set for some down-home square-dancing fun this Saturday evening in the Barn, (b)leading out of and immediately following the theater performance. Food and 'freshments will be on hand. No experience is necessary; all dances will be taught in a manner befitting both experienced swingers and the directionally-challenged. Slip out of the academic saddle and join us one and all for what promises to be a memorable Mountain mixer.

Maddox Hosts Neophyte Fling

Those students here at Bread Loaf Vermont for their first summer are invited to attend a reception this afternoon at 5 p.m. on the front lawn of the Director's house, Earthworm Manor (just west along Route 125). In the event of rain showers, the whole shebang will shift to the Barn. Faculty and staff will also be present to help one and all become better acquainted with life on the Mountain.

WeatherWatch



Source: *USA Today* on the World-Wide Web

'Nothing contributes so much to tranquilize the mind as a steady purpose — a point on which the soul may fix its intellectual eye.'
-- Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley

Rehearsal Reminder

The entire Bread Loaf community is reminded that most rehearsals for this summer's theatrical productions are open to the public. Feel free to drop in or out as you are able and watch the process of bringing a play from the page to the stage. This year in particular, with such a wide variety of guest actors and directors present, we should be treated to a range of different styles and strategies. Rehearsal for this Saturday's production will take place in the Barn on Friday night, so please be aware of that added activity. (The Barn and Snack Bar will remain open throughout the rehearsal.)

Classic Comedia Class

Guest artist Jeff Hoyle will lead a special workshop on Commedia dell'Arte performance this Sunday afternoon at 4:30 in Barn A. Jeff will demonstrate techniques and talk a little about the history of the art form. All are welcome to attend.

Parlor Olympics Open

Opening festivities for the 1996 Blue Parlor Readings will take place this Sunday evening at 7:30. Readers will be announced in tomorrow's edition of the *Crumb*. Plan to arrive early to secure the cushiest seating; after-dinner refreshments will be made available. Anyone wishing to read from their own creative work at the Blue Parlor this summer is encouraged to sign up soon on the sheet posted at the Front Desk or be in touch with Laura Rochette, this summer's Blue Parlor Hostess, as some spaces in the schedule remain.

Meet the Madrigalists

Bread Loaf community members interested in singing with this summer's Madrigalists are invited to an informal meeting with the group's Director, Shawna Boll, this afternoon at 4:40 in the Barn. Regular rehearsals will be held in the Barn on Mondays and Wednesday afternoons from 4:40-5:30. If you are unable to attend this afternoon's meeting but would still like to sing, please drop Shawna a line with your intentions.

Hale to Thee

In addition to providing "Tipsy Taxi" service for the driving-impaired, Bread Loaf hopes to offer transport to and from local doctors' offices for people with appointments downtown. If

anyone can offer a ride to those in need, please sign up at the Front Desk. Anyone with CPR training is also asked to leave his or her name at the Front Desk in the event of an emergency.

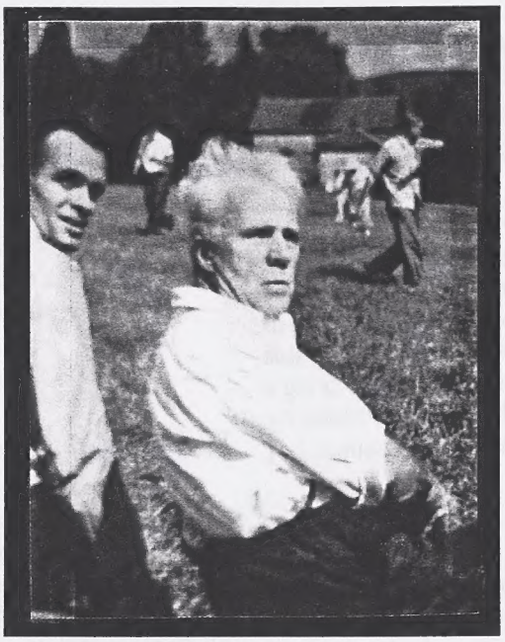
Finally, those community members with chronic health concerns should inform the nursing staff at the Cornwall Clinic sometime in the next two days.

Seniors Seen Swarming

The air is abuzz with plans for this year's Senior Class, members of which are entreated to attend an organizational meeting tomorrow at 4:45 in the Blue Parlor.

Timeless Top Ten

Tune in tomorrow for our first true Top Ten list of the summer: Top Ten Other Things Jim Maddox Didn't Tell Us in His Opening Remarks (aside from the history of Joseph Battell). Anyone wishing to suggest one or more entries, either individually or as a team, should send hard copy (or electronic copy) along to The *Crumb* by Thursday dinner.



Robert Frost on the Bread Loaf softball field. "...during the game someone will recite a self-proclaimed witty line from a play or a poem; this is Bread Loaf trash talk. 'Polysyllabic banter,' John Fleming calls it."
-- Alfredo Lujan '87

Sports Report

While our beautiful tennis courts are under repair and renovation (the experts are working at it today), members of the Bread Loaf community are hereby alerted to alternative recreational endeavors.

First off, Jay Wood would like to solicit soccer aficionados to the playing field tomorrow afternoon around 3:00 for a kick-off kick-around. Ultimate Frisbee freaks and fans are reminded of Sunday afternoon's fling at four.

After-dinner volleyball will start any time now; anyone wishing to retrieve the ball from the Front Desk and carry it out to the courts should soon find a faithful following. Anyone interested in starting up a Bread Loaf Bowling League? Drop a note to Hugh if you do (c/o the *Crumb*).

Lastly, but not at all leastly, Bread Loaf's grass league Softball team will convene this Sunday afternoon at 2:00 on the field to face any and all comers from the local area.

Check out the description of this time-honored tradition in the most recent issue of *Bread Loaf News*, from which the photo and caption above are excerpted.

The Crumb

Friday, June 28, 1996
Bread Loaf School of English
Volume 77, Number 4

Hoyle's Toil Pays Off in Production

Visiting actor/writer/director Jeff Hoyle will present a staged reading of *The Flying Doctor* by Moliere along with scenes from his own re-visiting of Moliere's comedy *Scapin*. Weather permitting, the production will begin just outside the Barn; plan to bring something soft to sit on before the action moves inside. The entire show will take less than an hour and a half, with the Bread Loaf Square Dance segueing out of the final scene. Any last minute changes due to inclement weather will be announced in the dining hall at Saturday's dinner.

On Sunday afternoon at 4:30, Jeff will follow up the show with a special workshop on the history and techniques of Commedia dell'Arte. All members of the Bread Loaf community are welcome to the talk, which will take place in Barn A.

Reel to Reel

There's nothing quite like watching a good movie in the Barn at Bread Loaf on a Friday night. Most years, you can count on alternative entertainment during the more tiresome segments of a film as a bat or two swoop down to snatch moths out of the projector light. The reverberating acoustics of the Barn itself have inspired some intriguing re-interpretations of even the most classic films (Did Citizen Kane really say "Throw me a spud " on his deathbed?). Tonight, you can experience it all for yourself as the reels reveal "The Red Shoes," a romantic film from 1948 directed by Michael Powell and starring Moira Shearer. The curtain will rise (or, more accurately, the screen will drop down) immediately following rehearsals for *The Flying Doctor* and *Scapin* (expected start time: 10:30).

On Saturday night, get set for some reels of a different kind as Francis Cram and his country band take to the stage for the umpteenth summer to provide the Bread Loaf community with a foot-stompin' round of contra and square dancing. The festivities will flow out of the actual production of *The Flying Doctor* and *Scapin* in the Barn, with an expected start time of 9:00. Slake your thirst with frothy beverages as the guys and gals swing 'round the hall. Thorough instruction and step-by-step guidance will be available for each and every dance. Don't miss out on this fun-filled tradition!

WeatherWatch

Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High:75°	High:70°	High:82°	High:75°

Source: *USA Today* on the World-Wide Web

'Doubts are more cruel than the worst of truths.'
-- ? *(see below)*

Presidential Precedence

Director Jim Maddox requests the presence of all graduating seniors this afternoon at 4:45 in the Blue Parlor so that a Class President may be elected and future events may be planned. Jim will also discuss the time-honored tradition of having members of the senior class sing and dance at each meal, and will quash once and for all rumors that past valedictorians are kept "on ice" in the Earthworm basement.

Parlor Premiere

The Blue Parlor Reading Series gets off to a strong start this Sunday evening as community writers Greg Imbur, Hugh "*Crumb* Guy" Coyle, Nan Leverett, and George Lightcap read from their prose and poetry. Seating at this popular event fills up fast, so be sure to arrive somewhat in advance of the 7:30 start time if you want an actual chair or sofa spot. Post-dinner refreshments (vinous and otherwise) will be available. Sign-ups for remaining reading slots will continue through Monday noon, after which you'll have to wheel and deal with Laura Rochette in person for a chance at your own fifteen minutes of Bread Loaf fame.

Scripture Study Scheduled

Anyone interested in participating in a *Bible* Study group is invited to attend the first meeting this Sunday afternoon from 5:15-6:00 p.m. in Barn East.

Gilmore Gang Reschedules Reading

The men of Gilmore, thwarted by showers this past evening, have postponed their primitive bonfire and sophisticated faculty reading to Sunday. All are invited up to their remote abode to hear David Huddle read from the great works of literature. If you're lucky, they'll also include an excerpt from Joseph Battell's penetrating *Ellen*.

Boll Beckons Bass Boys

Madrigal Director Shawna Boll, while ostensibly overwhelmed by the meritorious excellence of the female voices who ventured forth yesterday to learn more about the Madrigals, was chapfallen at the paucity of the opposite sex. Whether or not you know what all that means, if you can sing low, sweet charioteer, then Shawna has a spot for you in her cluster of clarion choristers. Rehearsals begin Monday in the Barn at 4:40; she'll be waiting for you there.

Stafford Students Assemble

Those students with Stafford loans from Middlebury College should plan on meeting with the school's financial aid representative next Monday at 12:30 in the Inn Seminar Room. Please see Elaine in the Bread Loaf office if you are unable to attend.

A Date with the Devils

The Theater calendar distributed at the start of the session incorrectly listed the dates for the production of *The Devils*. The show will take place on July 12th, not July 19th as printed. Please make the appropriate update in your DayTimers.

Resist Not Temptation

As part of the enticing Bread Loaf faculty reading series, theater professor Michael Cadden will discuss the Oscar Wilde exhibit he recently curated in his talk, "Policing Oscar Wilde," to be held Monday evening at 7:30 in the Barn. All are welcome to attend.

Busby Busy By Dawn's Early Light

James Busby will lead a yoga class each weekday morning at 6:00 a.m. in Barn 1. All are welcome to attend; drop James a note or give him a call if you want more info.

Moonlight in Vermont

This Sunday, June's Blue Moon will light the way for an intrepid group of night owls intent on a hike to nearby Lake Pleiad (and a dip in the waters as they reflect the full moon). See Hugh "*Crumb* and *Crumb*er" Coyle for more details, or just show up on the front porch of the Inn at 11:30 p.m. In the meantime, pray for warmer temperatures and clear skies that night.

The New News of the New Courts

Two of Bread Loaf's three clay tennis courts are being re-clay-med for use; the third will be left untended in adherence to proper Vermont crop rotation procedures. Keep your eyes peeled for news of the new courts' inauguration, at which David Huddle himself will christen the netposts with sparkling cider.

Teams Tangle for Top Ten Triumphs

Several teams contributed to our first open list of the summer, and here are the final results, direct from our home office in Ripton, Vermont:

Top Ten Other Things Jim Maddox Didn't Tell Us in His Opening Remarks
(aside from the history of Joseph Battell)

10. Last person in salad line at lunch gets to be first person in line at dinner. (KLAPP HaPPy)
9. Actual reason for neglecting Battell story: broken TelePrompTer. (C)
8. Jim actually (re)wrote President McCardell's speech for the benefit of returning students. (MOA)
7. Tennis courts actually being paved over for new Bread Loaf Wal-Mart parking lot. (C)
6. This year, the Men of Gilmore are being paid to teach a class on "The Discourse of Beer Drinking." (KLAPP HaPPy)
5. This summer's Drew Lecture actually replaced by Laurie Greco's "Symphony O'Glassware." (GG)
4. Grades? What grades? (C)
3. Actually spent winter scouring Mississippi for Scarlet O'Hara costume to wear to Suppressed Desires Dance. (GG)
2. You were forced to spend four hours in line at registration so that Jim could search your luggage for contraband "Cliff's Notes." (KLAPP HaPPy)
1. That the only Frost we'd see this summer would be on our windshields. (MOA)

Who's Who on the List: G=Gilmore Guys (Past and Present); MOA=Men of Annex; C=*Crumb* Guy; KLAP HaPPy=Karen Loutzenheiser, Annette Hardin (from New Mexico), Prudence Plunkett, and Patricia Parrish. Many thanks to all for contributing!

Next Topic: Top Ten Ways Bread Loaf Would Be Different If It Were Owned by Disney. Entries are due in the *Crumb* mailbox (physical or virtual) by Monday evening for publication on Tuesday.

Give'Em All Your Best Shot, Jean

Due to popular demand, the *Crumb* has re-instituted the Quote of the Day™ contest, wherein you, the reader, are challenged to determine the identity of the author (and, if you crave a true challenge, the source) of the day's *bon mot*. A clue or two will be hidden in the heading of this, the final *Crumb* entry of the day, though of course, the truly learnéd among us will have no need for such hints or intimations. Winners will be announced in the next day's edition (i.e. Monday's, since there is no weekend edition of the *Crumb*). Submit your answer to the *Crumb* by breakfast of the next day and start collecting points toward truly incredible prizes at summer's end!

The Crumb

Monday, July 1, 1996
Bread Loaf School of English
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Cadden Considers Wilde Times in Talk

Professor Michael Cadden will deliver a multimedia presentation this evening on the Oscar Wilde exhibit he recently put together. Entitled "Policing Oscar Wilde," the talk will begin at 7:30 in Barn 1. All members of the Bread Loaf community are invited to attend.

Nature Writing, Pyle-Style

As part of the Orion Institute program this summer, Professor John Elder has invited a number of nature writers to our mountain campus for readings and workshops. The first of these, Robert Michael Pyle, author of *Wintergreen*, will read from his work in the Barn this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Theatrical Thankyous

Profuse applause and congratulations to Geoff Hoyle and the actors who brought to life his new versions of *The Flying Doctor* and *Scapin* this past Saturday evening. Geoff's additional Commedia dell'Arte performance captivated the audience in the Barn, as did the theater tech crew's complete disassembly of the staging in eleven minutes flat before the square dance. It was an amazing performance all around.

Maddox and Stepto Do Directorial Do-Sah-Do

Jim Maddox and Robert Stepto have decided to seize upon square dancing as an applicable metaphorical philosophy for the running of the School of English. As such, when Jim goes forth to Santa Fe this coming Friday, Robert will step around and become the Interim Director. When Jim returns, Robert will likewise return to his original place. When Jim flies off for Oxford, Robert will once more step forth. And when Jim returns from Oxford...well, by now you get the idea.

Appointments for both Jim and Robert can be scheduled through the Bread Loaf office; Jim will be returning from Santa Fe on the 14th.

WeatherWatch

Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday	Thursday
			A mix of everything
High:80°	High:85°	High:75°	High:75°

Source: *USA Today* on the World-Wide Web

> *'Work consists of whatever a body is obliged to do...Play consists of whatever a body is not obliged to do.'*
> -- ?

Fie on the Fourth!

As this is indeed the School of *English*, we shall not observe the *American* holiday marking the supposed independence of the so-called "New World" colonies from British rule. Classes will carry on as scheduled, and all materials of an incendiary or pyrotechnic nature will be commandeered by King Jim himself.

Elementary Mentors Meet

Karen Mitchell invites all interested elementary school teachers to a meeting in the Inn Seminar Room on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. At this time, Karen writes, "We will discuss common issues and possibilities for liaisons during the school year."

American Milkhouse

Students, staff, and faculty who make use of the video equipment in the Milkhouse are reminded that the facility is in heavy demand, and that the key should be returned promptly to the main desk in the library when your scheduled time is finished. Also, please remember to clean up and lock the door when you go. You may sign up in advance for a time slot at the library desk; those wishing to use the Milkhouse after hours should make plans to return the key first thing in the morning.

Frost Picnic Planned

This coming Saturday, the School will remove to the Homer Noble Farm for a picnic dinner just a short distance from the Robert Frost Cabin. As such, the dining hall will be closed (unless it rains). Meal tickets for the 6:00 picnic are required of all students, staff, and faculty and can be picked up (free if you're on the meal plan; $10 otherwise) at the Front Desk. Tours of the Frost Cabin itself are also currently being planned; stay tuned for more details on this traditional School outing.

Computer Classes Commence

The following classes will be taught in the Computer Cellar and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. See Caroline Eisner or one of the Computer TA's for more details.

Claris (Mac)	Tuesday, 10:30
Mac Basics	Tuesday, 12:00
Word Perfect (IBM)	Wednesday, 12:00
Microsoft Word (Mac)	Wednesday, 2:00
Microsoft Word (IBM)	Thursday, 2:00

More classes will be scheduled as the summer progresses.

Madrigals Make For A Most Musical Monday

Madrigal Director Shawna Boll reminds all singers interested in Bread Loaf's choral group that rehearsals begin this afternoon at 4:40 in the Barn. Shawna especially hopes to see some tenors and basses at practice, as these were in somewhat short supply at last week's informational meeting.

Noise Annoys; Smoke Provokes

The placement of this cantankerous comment should *in no way* be construed as a critical evaluation of the deeds and actions of the group mentioned in the preceding item. Even so, there have been complaints on campus about late-night noise levels. Please be considerate of your fellow classmates as you cruise and carouse around campus. Also remember that Vermont law prohibits smoking in public buildings; this includes bathrooms as well as dormitory rooms.

Copier Operating

The copy machine in the library is now up and running for student use. Copies are ten cents a page, and this summer the machine *does* make change. Check with the librarians for more info about this public service.

In the Ferment of Youth

Vermont's ever-evolving liquor laws require strict adherence to certain regulations, including the carding of those who seem too young to drink. If you yourself are apt to be mistaken for a teen rather than twenty-something, accept our gracious compliments, but do please bring an I.D. with you to social events featuring fermented beverages.

The Week at a Glance

Monday		
4:40	Madrigal Rehearsal	Barn
7:30	Faculty Lecture: Michael Cadden	Barn 1
Wednesday		
7:30	Reading: Robert Michael Pyle	Barn
Thursday		
	HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!	
9:00	Gilmore Reading Party	Gilmore
Friday		
9:00	Film: "Sweet Smell of Success"	Barn
Saturday		
Day	Peasant Market	Middlebury Green
6:00	Frost Picnic	Frost Farm
8:00	"Another Part of the House"	Theater
10:00	Barn Dance	Barn
Sunday		
2:00	Softball Game vs. Ripton	Playing Field
6:45	Blue Parlor Reading	Blue Parlor
8:00	"Another Part of the House"	Theater

"BuLleRTiN" Board

Materials from the Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network (BLRTN) Bulletin Board have been removed to the Front Desk, where they may be picked up if they belong to you.

Nu-Way News

Students utilizing the Nu-Way Linen service should turn in the used for the fresh this Wednesday behind the Inn from noon until 1:00. Henceforth, weekly drop-offs and pick-ups will take place at this time.

Taxi Sought for Lap-Swimmer

Juanita in Inn 10 would like to locate a lift to town so that she might resume her lap swimming this summer. Anyone who can offer a ride before 9:30 in the morning should stop by her room and leave a note.

Busy Sitters

Nicole Tatro and Erika Hall, both Croutons assistants this summer, offer their services as evening and weekend babysitters as well for those in need. Call them at 388-6156 (Nicole) or 388-3941 (Erika) to make arrangements.

Tumult of Top Ten Response

This week's first Top Ten topic, Top Ten Ways Bread Loaf Would Be Different If It Were Owned by Disney, has elicited a landslide of entries to the *Crumb* mailboxes. This is your last chance to get in on the fun; submissions will be accepted until midnight tonight, with the list appearing as if by magic tomorrow.

Wood Makes His Mark

Jay Wood, a frequent winner in last summer's Quote-of-the-Day™ contest, was the sole correct respondent to last Friday's offering, taken from Molière's *Le Misanthrope*. (The hints were "Give'M ALL YOUR best shot" and "Jean," as Molière's actual name was Jean Baptiste Poquelin. Plus we just happened to be featuring two Molière plays this past weekend...) Today's is much easier, though if you need more help, here it is: once again, the quote comes from an author who used a pen name. Submit your entries in writing to the *Crumb* by breakfast tomorrow for instant fame at lunchtime.

The Crumb

Tuesday, July 2, 1996
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Pyle Part of Orion Readings

Nature writer Robert Michael Pyle, author of *Wintergreen*, will read from his work in the Barn tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m. This presentation kicks off a series of readings and workshops associated with the Orion Institute program here at Bread Loaf this summer. Later in the session, Ann Zwinger and Scott Russell Sanders will join us for short visits.

Maddox Makes Off For Santa Fe

Jim Maddox will depart our Mountain campus for our sister site in Santa Fe this coming Sunday, at which point Robert Stepto will step in as Interim Director. Anyone wishing appointments with either or both of the Directors may schedule them through the Bread Loaf office.

Maddox Mad About Maps

Jim Maddox has admitted to a cartographical addiction, and asks that any students or staff who have yet to place pushpins on the map outside the Bread Loaf office please do so immediately. "I'm despondent over how empty Kansas is," Jim was heard commenting this morning. Topekans, take note.

Elementally Elementary

Karen Mitchell will facilitate a meeting of elementary school teachers interested in discussing common issues and school years strategies tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 in the Inn Seminar Room. Check with her or drop her a note if you want more information.

Cabin Cookout Coming Up

So far the weather looks good for the weekend picnic at the Frost Cabin (though the graphics for tomorrow's forecast on the World Wide Web did picture snow!). Students, staff, and faculty on the meal plan should pick up meal tickets at the Front Desk; all others may purchase them for $10 a piece. The van will scoot 'twixt hither and yon prior to the meal; stay tuned for the schedule later this week.

WeatherWatch

Today	Tomorrow	Thursday	Friday
High:85°	High:75°	High:75°	High:75°

Source: *USA Today* on the World Wide Web

'If we had a keen vision of all that is ordinary in human life, it would be like hearing the grass grow or the squirrel's heart beat, and we should die of that roar which is the other side of silence.'
-- ?

Van Availability

Due to the popularity of the Bread Loaf Taxi, potential passengers are advised to sign up in advance at the Front Desk and reserve a space for the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday runs. Extra seats will then be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Press's Page to Stage Start-Up

Those who signed up for the Short Story: Page to Stage workshops or spoke to Barry Press about participating are reminded that the first meeting will take place this evening at 7:30 in Barn 1. See Barry if you have any questions or concerns.

Post Positions

Jim Maddox announces a job opening at Greenwich Academy in Greenwich CT teaching three English classes (grades 9-11) and directing the Writing Center. Please contact Jim for more details. Other positions will be posted on the board outside the Bread Loaf office as they become available; those looking for employment should check there throughout the summer. Likewise, anyone with news of openings should check with Elaine about posting them.

Wired Words

Caroline Eisner and her crack staff of computer experts will offer introductory courses in the Computer Cellar over the coming weeks. These are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. This week's remaining classes focus on word processing programs:

Word Perfect (IBM)	Wednesday, 12:00
Microsoft Word (Mac)	Wednesday, 2:00
Microsoft Word (IBM)	Thursday, 2:00

Carson and Carlson Team Up for Tennis Tournament

Heather Carson and Julia Carlson-Federhofer have stepped forth to organize this summer's tennis tournament, WimbleLoaf. Sign-ups begin today at the Front Desk and end on Thursday for singles, Friday for mixed doubles. There will also be a possible round robin. Heather will also be taking orders for the official 1996 Wimbleloaf camp, now on display at the front desk.

Remonstrative Reminders

The kitchen staff reminds all students, staff, and faculty that there is no parking behind the Inn, for both safety and delivery purposes. Likewise, bike riders should lock their bikes to racks provided for this purpose; utilizing fire escapes and porch railings detracts from the natural beauty of the buildings and presents possible hazards for those walking past. Also, please turn off lights and close doors and windows when you're the last one using a classroom for the day. One light in a classroom can attract thousands of moths by morning in these parts, not to mention mosquitoes, black flies, and no-see-ums.

Linen Switch

Student subscribers to the Nu-Way Linen service are reminded to bundle up their sheets and towels and bring them behind the Inn tomorrow between noon and 1:00 for exchange.

Fourth Festivities

The town of Bristol will host a band concert and fireworks at the town green and rec park beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening, July 3rd. Bristol also has the privilege of sponsoring the "Outhouse Race" the morning of the 4th at 8 a.m., complete with music by Mark the Harmonica Man. At the Brandon Training School (along Route 7 South), the town of Brandon will feature the Old Tyme Magical Medicine Show at 6:45 and 8:00 with fireworks at dusk on the 4th. Here at Bread Loaf, there will be the Gilmore bonfire and reading at 9:00.

Underground Railroad Tours Return

Once again this summer, the town of Brandon will open up houses believed to have been part of the Underground Railroad in the area. Tours will feature tunnels and hiding places and take place from 1-5 p.m. this coming Sunday. Tickets are $5 and should be reserved in advance (last year this event sold out fast); call 247-6401 for more information.

Wood Marches A-Cross Competition

Yet another writer utilizing a pseudonym provides our Quote-of-the-Day™ following a way easy one from Mark Twain yesterday. Correct guesses came from Jay "Two for Two" Wood, Jenny Kelso, Laurie O'Neill, Katrien Sundt, Chris Benson, Connie Palmisano, Mary Burnham, Janet and Michael Atkins, Chris Onken, and two other people who correctly identified the quote but didn't identify themselves in their written responses. Jot down your responses to today's challenge and get'em in to the *Crumb* by breakfast tomorrow so you can impress your friends and professors with your summertime savvy.

Mickey Mania

Here they are, direct from our home office in Ripton:

Top Ten (or 21) Ways Bread Loaf Would Be Different If It Were Owned by Disney

21. Cups finally hold enough coffee. (C)
20. Jim Maddox crowned "Lion King." (KH, LiLe)
19. Men of Gilmore now known as Grumpy, Sleepy, Doc, Happy, Sneezy, Bashful, Dopey, Dopey, Dopey, Dopey, Dopey, etc. (KH)
18. Guest playwrights rework literary masterpieces. "How about Tony Danza as the voice of Lear?!" (G)
17. Rest rooms renamed "Peter Pans" and "Tinkerbells." (O)
16. Sign saying "You must be this tall to enter this Barn." (W, KH)
15. Adirondack Chair Ride replaces "Tipsy Taxi" Teacups (MOA)
14. Price of admission would go down. (AH, G)
13. Bookstore features Jim and Lucy Maddox playset as well as stuffed figures of "Dixie Goswami and the Seven Granddaughters." (AH, KH)
12. Jim Maddox name changed to "Jiminy Maddox." (W)
11. School motto changed from "Scientia et Virtus" to "Hakuna Matata." (MOA, G)
10. Lines at the salad bar rival those at other main attraction, "Pirates of the Waybury Inn." (W)
9. "Frost Heaves" new big-thrill ride on campus. (O)
8. Financial Aid applications will not change in the least. (LiLe)
7. Oxford campus relocates to EuroDisney. (MOA)
6. Jungle Ride now detours through Gilmore. (CT)
5. Swiss Family Robinson takes up residence on Johnson Pond island. (W)
4. All Bread Loaf romances would end happily ever after. (MB)
3. You'll wait in line two hours for your classes, and they'll be over in a minute and a half. (KH)
2. Bell-ringer Marilyn Delaney replaced by Quasimodo. (LO)
1. Every time a student claims to have read all afternoon, his/her nose would grow. (KH)

The increasingly more complicated key: G=Guys of Gilmore, Past and Present; KH=KLAPP HaPPy (Karen Loutzenheiser, Annette Hardin of SF, Prudence Plunkett, Patricia Parrish); W=Waitstaff; C=Cherry Tarts (Sandy McCulloch, Sondra Porter, Sylvia Saenz, Mary Burnham, and Kathy Trump); MB=Meb Brown; MOA=Men of Annex (Bill Clarke, Bruce Smith, Douglas Wood, Kevin McNulty, and Gary Montaño); AH=Amethyst Hinton; O (subsets LO and LiLe)=OhGoRoLiLe (LO: Lisa O'Hara, Julia Goodwin, Laura Rochette, LiLe: George Lightcap and Jeannie LeBlanc).

Our next topic (in honor of the upcoming Olympics): **Top Ten Bread Loaf Olympic Sporting Events.** Entries are due in the *Crumb* mailbox (in Inn or cyber) by Thursday night's Gilmore reading for publication on Friday.

The Crumb

Wednesday, July 3, 1996
Bread Loaf School of English
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Pyle Premiere Orion Reader

Robert Michael Pyle, author of the non-fiction collection *Wintergreen*, will read from his work this evening in the Barn at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Orion Institute in Nature Writing. All are welcome to attend; a reception will follow the reading in Treman and is open to all members of the Bread Loaf community.

Cruz Recasts Classic Lorca

The Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble will present *Another Part of the House*, a new play by Migdalia Cruz loosely based on the Garcia Lorca play *The House of Bernarda Alba*. The play, directed by visiting artist David Esbjornson, will be performed simply (with script in hand) on Saturday evening at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. (please note the change of time for the Sunday performance). The show is approximately an hour and a half long; a discussion will follow Sunday's performance. Seating is first-come, first-seated in the theater. Also, remember that rehearsals in the Theater are open to the public most evenings for those interested in watching the development of the works in progress this summer.

Drop Deadline Draws Nigh

The final day for officially dropping or adding a course is Friday, after which penalties of a financial and/or administrative nature may be incurred. Stop by the Bread Loaf office and talk to Elaine if you have any questions or concerns about your summer course schedule.

Scholar Sought for Frost Talks

Anyone willing and able to host tours of the Robert Frost Cabin this Saturday afternoon prior to the Frost Picnic at the Homer Noble Farm should speak with Jim or Elaine as soon as possible. Duties are minimal — mainly recounting characteristic anecdotes about the reclusive writer as visitors inspect the cabin, hoping to find some long-lost poem. Tours normally take place from 4-6, with dinner served at 6:00. Students should pick up tickets at the Front Desk; the dining hall will be closed for dinner on Saturday (unless the picnic is rained out).

WeatherWatch: Scattered Showers

Today	Tomorrow	Friday	Saturday
High:75°	High:74°	High:75°	High:75°

Source: *USA Today* on the World-Wide Web

'I've given offense by saying I'd as soon write free verse as play tennis with the net down.'
-- ?

Teaching from Tsaile to Topotzlan

Two further job possibilities have surfaced for those in need.

The first is for two Instructional Specialists at the Tsaile campus of the Navajo Community College in Arizona. Check the posting outside of the Bread Loaf office or talk to Rex Jim of Arizona for more details (of which there are plenty on the posting).

The second job is for an English teacher in Topotzlan, Mexico, which pays $350 a month (good wages in Mexico) and features free housing and free tuition for children. Drop a note to Heidi Lyne for more details.

Music Mavens Make Mayhem on Mountain

To quote Havelock Ellis, "Dancing is the loftiest, the most moving, the most beautiful of the arts, because it is no mere translation of abstraction from life; it is life itself." This Saturday's Dance will put that philosophy to the test as DJ's Coyle and Flaxman spin the discs in the Barn from 9:30 (i.e. after the play) until "pond time." (First year students are reminded that a post-dance jump into Johnson is a required ritual here on the Mountain.) Anyone with special musical requests should drop a note *in advance* to the *Crumb* mailbox and, if possible, have a CD on hand for loan on Saturday night if the music mavens don't have the disc.

Room Reservations

Students and staff members needing to schedule space for meetings and activities should check the reservation chart on the wall outside the Bread Loaf office. Rooms are offered on a first-come, first-served basis; please try to check with Elaine before filling in your preferences.

Parlor Planned; Possible Pushback Pending

This Sunday evening's Blue Parlor Reading features Gary Montaño, Chris Benson, Jan Kornbluth, and Raymond Harrison. Start time has been planned for 6:45; this may change to 7:30 due to the shift in the theater schedule (see above). In any event, plan to arrive early for the finest seating.

Mini Madrigal Meeting Reminder

Rehearsal in Barn at 4:40 today.

The Final Words

This week's two final computer classes both focus on Microsoft Word, with the Mac version being demonstrated today at 2:00 and the IBM version featured tomorrow at 2:00. Sign up in the Computer Center or check with the T.A.'s for more details.

Sneeden in a Snit Over Snatched Tappithen

Tappithen *(n)*: A large mug with a knobbed lid. That may or may not describe the lost yet coveted cup, which Ralph himself describes as "looking like a hand grenade." It's been lost a couple of days now; if you've seen it, please notify any or all of the Assistants to the Director so that peace may be restored.

Teams Go for Top Ten Gold

The next topic for our contributor-driven list is "Top Ten Bread Loaf Olympic Sporting Events." Entries are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by Thursday night.

Fearless Frisbee Fanatics Flock to Fields

Ultimate Frisbee leader Laurie Greco remains unfazed by forecasts of rain and thunder, and therefore entreats anyone interested in playing the game to join her on the fields, rain or shine, this evening at 7:30. Beginners are welcome; the sport is quick to learn and fast to master.

Local Know-it-all Knocks on Wood

Director Jim Maddox challenged quote-leader Jay Wood by accurately ascertaining that yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™ came from *Middlemarch* by George Eliot (a.k.a. "A Cross," i.e. Marian Evans Cross). Connie Palmisano and the Atkins (Janet and Michael) also identified the author, while Jay listed off guesses of other pseudonymous artisans, from Dr. Seuss to Sting. He did, it should be noted, also include Eliot and *Middlemarch* in his impressive documentation.

Alex Sargent of the Theater Staff drew this beautiful sketch of the Bread Loaf Barn circa 1994.

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Thursday, July 4, 1996
Bread Loaf School of English
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Guest Artists Present *Another Part of the House*

Visiting playwright Migdalia Cruz and Guest Director David Esbjornson have teamed up with the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble to present a workshop production of *Another Part of the House*, a play based on Garcia Lorca's *The House of Bernarda Alba*. Performances will take place in the Theater on Saturday evening at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. The show is about ninety minutes long, with a discussion following the Sunday matinee.

Parents are warned that this play deals with adult subject matter (it concerns the lives of women in 1950's Cuba as they long for love and marriage but are cut off from men), and may be therefore be unsuitable for children.

Friday Final Day to Drop/Add

Tomorrow is the final day to drop or add a course without penalty. See Elaine in the Bread Loaf office to update your schedule or to express concerns about this deadline.

Internet Address List Posted

Students who wish to include their e-mail addresses on the upcoming Bread Loaf Community Address List should add them to the list posted outside of the Bread Loaf office by Monday morning. The final list will be compiled and published within the next few weeks.

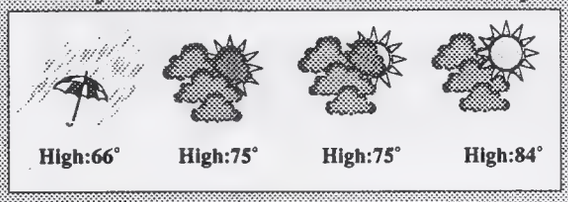
ImPress-ive Sessions

Barry Press's "Short Story: From the Page to the Stage" class will meet this evening at 7:30 in Barn 1. Barry reminds participants to please remember to bring stories and enough copies to have them presented.

Tour Ticket-Taker

If anyone has an extra ticket for this weekend's tour of the Underground Railroad in Brandon (the event is already sold out, as expected), please contact Ali at 388-6867. Many thanks.

WeatherWatch: Clouds'n'Showers



Source: *USA Today* on the World-Wide Web

'Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel.'
-- ?

Picnic Perfect

Mark Wright has stepped forward to lead tours of the Robert Frost cabin (without jazz piano accompaniment, alas) this Saturday afternoon at regular intervals in the hour or so preceding the Frost Picnic. More details tomorrow.

Don't forget to pick up tickets for the meal at the Front Desk; they will be collected at the serving lines. Dinner will be served at the Homer Noble Farm at 6:00; to get there, just head west on 125 and turn up the road just before Robert Frost Wayside Picnic Area on the right. (You'll have to park your car at the rest area and walk the rest of the way.) Van service will run to and from the Inn at regular intervals before the meal and will drop people off at the picnic site. The dining hall will be closed on Saturday evening unless it rains, which, given Vermont's weather so far this summer, is entirely likely and anyone's guess.

Picture ImPerfect

Great consternation and shame has befallen our campus owing to an apparent disappreciation for aesthetics and community spirit. Cars remain illegally parked hither and thither, bikes remain chained to porch railings, and now cigarette butts in flower boxes have become the bane of certain Bread Loafers. Reminders about closing doors, turning off lights, and securing spaces such as the MilkHouse have gone unheeded. Some may consider this evidence of a revolutionary spirit on campus, but others are just plain annoyed. Please do your part to keep peace and appreciation at their highest levels this session. Many thanks.

Movie on the Mountain

Our Friday night feature film in the Barn will be "The Sweet Smell of Success" featuring Burt Lancaster and Tony Curtis. Bread Loaf Film Critic Stephen Donadio has described the film as "good and nasty," with "compelling" performances by its stars. Start time will be 9:00; please bear in the mind that the Snack Bar in the Barn will be shutting down shortly after the film begins.

Movin' on the Mountain

This Saturday's Barn dance will commence shortly after the play (around 9:30) and will feature music

carefully calculated to make you move every muscle group, major and minor, by midnight. Requests and suggestions will be fielded until Friday; send'em in to the *Crumb* mailbox and let us know if you have the appropriate discs for loan if we need'em.

Makin' for the Mountains

Paul Parsons will lead a hike up to Rattlesnake Cliff above Lake Dunmore this weekend for those interested in exploring the area's woodland wonders. The trip will leave from the Front Porch of the Inn at 11 a.m.; students will be provided with bag lunches. The group will be back on campus by the start of the picnic. Please see Paul or drop him a note by Friday dinner if you plan to join him so that he can give an accurate lunch count to the kitchen staff. Rain date will be Sunday for the trip.

Reading Returns

This Sunday evening's Blue Parlor Reading has indeed been moved back to the regular starting time of 7:30. Readers for this week's event are Chris Benson, Jan Kornbluth, Raymond Harrison, and Gary Montaño. Come early for best seating, as the room fills up fast.

Community Calendar

Much is happening in the area this week and next. Don't miss out on the Peasant Market, a village-style flea market, this Saturday from 9-4 on the Middlebury town green. Another favorite local event is the Ripton Coffeehouse, coming up Saturday evening in the Community House. Open mike session begins at 7:30 (sign up with Richard or Sally at 7:00 for a spot), followed by feature performer Rik Palieri, who plays everything from the Ozark mouth bow to the Polish Bagpipe. Great desserts are just one of the many reasons to attend this event.

Next week, Middlebury presents its annual summer Festival on the Green, with events all week long. Look for schedules at the Front Desk, and don't miss out on performances by such noteworthy musicians as Patty Larkin and John McCutcheon.

Those looking for more refined entertainment will be pleased to know that the Giant Monster Truck Rally and Fireworks Display at Devil's Bowl Speedway in Fair Haven this evening will feature MEGASAURUS, a 3-story tall, 50,000 pound, fire-breathing mechanical dinosaur which will consume a car before your very eyes, and VORIAN, a "real life" jet-powered race car that transforms into a two-story talking robot. For more details on what has been advertised as an "old-fashioned celebration of the 4th," call 802-265-3112. And no, this is not a Simpsons-induced hallucination; this one's for real, folks.

Comedic Contenders

Responses have already begun arriving for the Top Ten Bread Loaf Olympic Sporting Events. Send your ideas in to the *Crumb* mailbox by tonight for possible inclusion on the final list tomorrow.

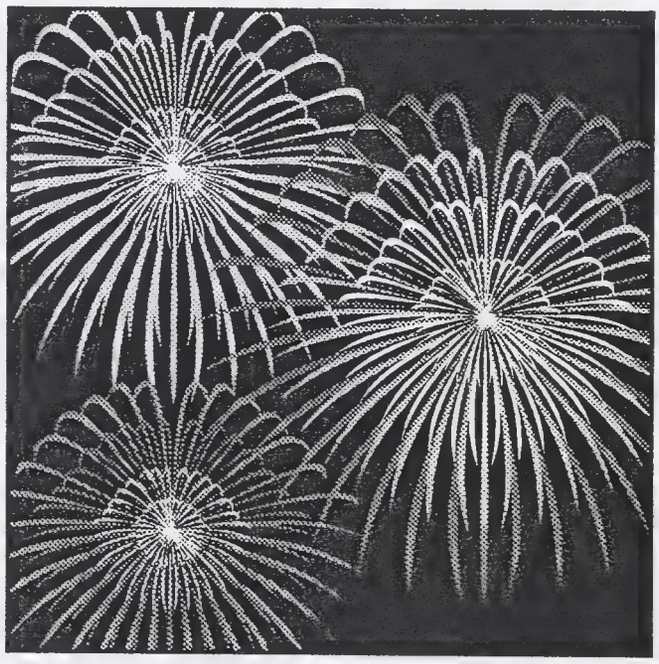
Big Boss Will Drain Local Body of Water

Jim Maddox has threatened to shut down the School, pond and all, and send everyone packing if fewer than 200 people correctly identified "local know-it-all" Robert Frost as yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™ speaker. Alas, we have missed the mark. Vans will depart for the bus stations at hourly intervals today and tomorrow morning; please have all UPS packages to the Front Desk by noon today. Jim will personally drive you to the airport if you didn't even have an inkling that it was the Bard of Ripton. Reprieves have been granted to Laura Rochette, Sandy McCulloch, Charles Newman, Janet Atkins, and (of course) Jay Wood, who wrote: "I'm still Cross that I was ignorant of Marian Evans' (i.e. George Eliot's) married name...in fact, I still feel Frosted."

Today's quote, by way of yet another hint, has two possible responses, only one of which will be accepted as *truly* correct. Guesses are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow.

Speaking of Ponds...

On this date in 1845, Henry David Thoreau began his two-year stay at Walden in Massachusetts. Henceforth, Bread Loaf will observe "Walden Day" rather than "Independence Day" on the 4th of July. As an initial gesture toward celebration, woodchuck will be served in the dining hall this evening.



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Open *House*

Students, visiting actors, and members of the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble, together with visiting playwright Migdalia Cruz and Guest Director David Esbjornson, will present a workshop performance of *Another Part of the House*, a play loosely based on Garcia Lorca's *The House of Bernarda Alba*. Performances will take place tomorrow evening at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Burgess Meredith Theater. A discussion will follow the Sunday matinee, whereupon both Cruz and Esbjornson will answer questions about writing, the theater, and other topics. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents are reminded that the play deals with adult subject matter and may not be a wise choice for children.

Casting Call

Barry Press reminds those in his "Short Story: Page to Stage" class that a list of available actors has been posted on the bulletin board in the Inn hallway. In that same vein, participants Sean Williams and Sue Locarno are looking for a Fortunato to complement their Montresor in a production of Poe's "The Cask of Amontillado." Check with them if you'd like to seal up the part.

Study of Scripture Scheduled

A Bible study group will meet once again this Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. in Barn East. Please come prepared to discuss the first chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Philippians.

D-Day for Dropping

Elaine Hall reminds one and all that today is the final day to drop or add a course to your official Bread Loaf schedule. See her in the office if that concerns you.

Inter-connected Community

Students with e-mail addresses should record them on the list posted outside of the Bread Loaf office for inclusion in this summer's upcoming community address list.

WeatherWatch: Repetitive

Today	Tomorrow	Sunday	Monday
High:75°	High:85°	High:75°	High:75°

Source: *USA Today* on the World-Wide Web

'I do then with my friends as I do with my books. I would have them where I can find them, but I seldom use them.'
-- ?

Pray for Fair Skies for Frost Affair

Mark Wright will be available for tours of the Robert Frost cabin from 5 until 6 tomorrow afternoon, after which dinner will be served picnic-style at the neighboring Homer Noble Farmhouse. Tickets for the meal must be presented; pick them up at the Front Desk if you haven't already. Van service to and from the site will depart from the Front Porch of the Inn at 5:00 and again at 5:50. Latest forecasts predict possible showers this evening and early in the morning with clearing to partly cloudy by day's end; even so, if rain returns, dinner will remove to the dining hall.

Barn Becomes "Sweet Smell"-ing Cinema

Tonight's feature film is "The Sweet Smell of Success," a gossipfest starring Burt Lancaster and Tony Curtis. The movie will begin at 9:00, with the Snack Bar closing soon thereupon so that lights may be turned off.

Barn Blast

Get set to groove and grind to the sounds of the 70's, 80's, and 90's this Saturday night in the Barn after the play (9:30 approximate start time). From torch songs to techno and the Bee Gees to the batucada, prepare to let the beat heat up this cold and clammy summer. Finger fare and frothy beverages will be served.

Not a Rhetorical Question...

Andrea Lunsford asks any budding rhetoricians among us to identify the trope so humorously employed by esteemed Director Maddox when, in his opening address, he assured us he would NOT tell us the ritual stories of Joseph Battell and his bequest to Middlebury College — and, in doing so, of course, told them. (Hint: It is a trope Socrates was also known to employ...) First to identify and provide an example of this time-honored trope will get...space in the *Crumb* and the Lunsford seal of rhetorical approval.

Parlor Presenters Pack'em In

Jan Kornbluth, Raymond Harrison, Gary Montaño, and Chris Benson will read from their prose and poetry this Sunday evening in the second installment of the Blue Parlor Reading Series. Attendance verges on standing room only for this popular event, so show up early for optimal seating.

Parsons Plans for Panorama

Paul Parsons has offered to guide a group of Bread Loaf hikers up to Rattlesnake Cliff tomorrow. The group will depart from the Inn at 11 a.m.; bag lunches will be available for those who need them. This is a moderate hike with occasionally steep inclines; even so, no experience or special skills are necessary, just an appreciation of a spectacular view at the top. Check with Paul or drop him a note by Friday evening to reserve a space.

Soccer Talk

Soccer Coach Jay Wood reports: "We're trying to recruit a team to play against some of the language schools. Games would be either 4:00 or 7:00 down at the College. I need to find out if anyone is interested; please sign up on the bulletin board outside the dining hall. Also, the Friday soccer kick-around has been postponed until Saturday at 4 p.m. out by the volleyball net."

Ministerial Immersion

Innkeeper Ed Brown led the pack as he correctly identified Samuel Johnson as the speaker (quoted by Boswell in the biography *Life of Johnson*) of yesterday's Fourth of July Quote-of-the-Day™. Joining Ed in the winner's circle were Jay Wood (of course), Katrien Sundt, Bill Knauer, and Connie Palmisano. Today's quote comes from a much revered source;while on the subject of friends, it might help to know that the speaker's own is referenced elsewhere in today's *Crumb*.

Barn Dance
Saturday, 9:30 p.m.

This Ain't Atlanta...

The competitive spirit came through in this week's Top Ten list. Herewith, following the ceremonial Lighting of the Citronella Torch (thanks, MOA), the list:

Top Ten (or so)
Bread Loaf Olympic Sporting Events

14. Black Fly Swatting (CT, JH)
13. Synchronized skinny dipping in Johnson Pond (MOA)
12. Riverside Power-Lifting (JFC, J&B)
11. CyberBarn Surfing (CT, KH)
10. The "Try to Get an Outside Line" Endurance Test (KH)
9. KLAPP HaPPY Skeet: "Pull!!!" (MOA)
8. The Dis-cuss (G)
7. Bread Loaf Decathlon: (Six pack of Otter Creek and Four Very Long Novels in Six Weeks) (MOA)
6. Greco-Roman Glass Ringing Marathon (J&B)
5. The "Road Less Taken" Marathon (MOA)
4. The Hammer Thoreau (J&B)
3. The Freudian Slip (CT)
2. Dining Hall Obstacle Course and Table Hurdle to Salad Bar (KH)
1. The Decaf-lon (W)

Gold Medal: MOA (Men of Annex, self-proclaimed "Dream Team:" Doug Wood, Bruce Smith, Kevin McNulty, Gary Montaño, Bill Clarke, Jason Crossett, Sam Winslow, Tim Groves, Sean Williams, and Paul Parsons)

Silver Medal: KH (KLAPP HaPPY=Karen Loutzenheiser, Annette Hardin, Prudence Plunkett and Patricia Parrish)

Bronze Medal (tie): CT=Cherry Tarts (Sondra Porter, Mary Burnham, Sandy McCulloch, and Kathleen Trump) and J&B=Jay Wood and Bill Knauer.

Honorable Mentions: W=Waitstaff; JFC=Jess from Croutons; JH=Jane Harvey; G=Guys of Gilmore

Next up, an encore topic in honor of this Saturday night's dance: **Top Ten Bread Loaf Pick-Up Lines**. Send your insight (and possibly overheards) in to the *Crumb* mailbox by Monday dinner for consideration in the new list on Tuesday.

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Monday, July 8, 1996
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Poetic Presentation

Carole Oles, Bread Loaf's poet-in-residence, will read from her work this evening in the Barn at 7:30. Carole has published a number of poetry collections, including *The Deed*, *Night Watches*, and *Stunts*. She is currently completing historical research for a new collection of poems. All are welcome to attend this evening's reading.

Regal Rollover

Director and Campus King Jim Maddox has departed for our sister site in Santa Fe. In the interim, Robert Stepto will serve as Director and Royal Ruler. Those seeking an audience with Robert may schedule an appointment at the Bread Loaf Office.

Perusable Plays

Copies of the plays-in-progress being presented this summer have been set aside on reserve in the library for those who wish to give them another reading. In some instances, various drafts will be available so that the plays' evolution may be observed.

Heath Hunts for Proper Author

Faculty member Shirley Heath will deliver a talk this Wednesday evening with the tentative title "In Search of Another 18th Century Jane." Shirley describes the subject as "being obsessed in an archival search for the possible author of *Mrs. Goody Two-Shoes*." The lecture will take place in the Barn at 7:30; all are invited to attend.

Senatorial Salutations

The Bread Loaf community will welcome former Senator Harris Wofford from Pennsylvania later in the week. Wofford, father of faculty member Susanne, now serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service. He will discuss that program on Thursday evening at 7:30 in Barn 1, with a more in-depth seminar-style presentation the following afternoon at 5 p.m., also in Barn 1. If you plan to attend on Friday, please sign up on the list posted outside the Bread Loaf office so that Susanne can get preliminary materials in the mail to you.

WeatherWatch: Mixed Sun and Showers

Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday	Thursday
High:84°	High:82°	High:70°	High:75°

Source: *USA Today* on the World-Wide Web

'To have great poets, there must be great audiences, too.'
-- ?

Tournament Takes Off

First-round play in this summer's Wimbleloaf Tennis Tournament should be completed by this coming Sunday. Check the board outside of the dining hall for matches, and be sure to record your results soon after finishing. Good luck to all!

Hermeneutic Headhunters

A representative from Carney-Sandoe, a teacher placement agency with strong Bread Loaf connections, will be on campus this Friday from 8-5 to speak with anyone interested in searching for new employment. Please check with Elaine in the Bread Loaf office to schedule an appointment time and to receive an informational packet of materials about the group.

Recovery Continuity

Those community members seeking to continue a recovering alcoholics program this summer are encouraged to attend meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Barn East classroom.

Fantastic Festival

Middlebury's annual summertime Festival-on-the-Green is currently underway, with Brown Bag performances for children during the lunch time hours and evening performances for all ages. A schedule of shows and activities is posted at the Front Desk.

The Week at a Glance

Monday		
7:30	Faculty Reading: Carole Oles	Barn
Wednesday		
7:30	Faculty Lecture: Shirley Heath	Barn
Thursday		
7:30	Guest: Sen. Harris Wofford	Barn 1
Friday		
5:00	National Service Seminar	Barn 1
7:30	Play: "The Devils"	Theater
Saturday		
9:00	Barn Dance	Barn
Sunday		
2:00	Softball Game	Playing Field
7:30	Blue Parlor Reading	Blue Parlor

Lost Box

A small red jewelry box with a pair of gold and jade earrings inside was lost before the weekend. If anyone has found it, please bring it to the Front Desk; it has great value for the owner.

Flirtatious Fervor

Judging from the post-dance gossip, there were some successful field tests of the Top Ten Bread Loaf Pick-Up Lines on Saturday night. Lists are due in the *Crumb* mailbox this evening for possible publication in the Tuesday edition.

Selfish Sermonizer

Thoreau's friend and benefactor, Ralph Waldo Emerson, provided the Quote-of-the-Day™ on Friday, as Connie Palmisano, Janet and Michael Atkins, Chad Wabrek, Tim Groves, and Jay "O Captain, My Captain of the Soccer Team" Wood discerned. You won't need to go far afoot from there to figure out today's speaker.

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Tuesday, July 9, 1996
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Heathaholic

Professor Shirley Heath will speak about an addiction to historical research as she presents "In Search of Another 18th Century Jane" tomorrow evening in the Barn at 7:30. Shirley will employ a multi-media approach to document her quest for the author of *Mrs. Goody Two-Shoes*. All are welcome to attend.

School-Based Service Discussed

Former Pennsylvania Senator Harris Wofford will be on campus Thursday evening to speak about the Corporation for National Service, of which he is currently Chief Executive Officer. Those interested in hearing an overview of the program are invited to Barn 1 at 7:30. A more detailed discussion focusing on the integration of volunteer service into the classroom environment will follow on Friday at 5:00, also in Barn 1; please sign up in advance outside the Bread Loaf office.

Devilish Drama

Visiting artist Oskar Eustis will direct student performers and members of the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble in *The Devils*, Liz Egloff's adaptation of Dostoyevski's *The Possessed*, this Friday evening at 7:30 in the Burgess Meredith Theater. Once again, seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't dally unduly after dinner.

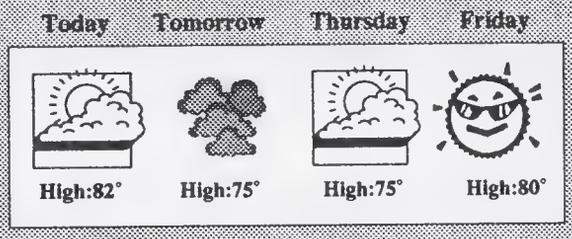
Adventures in the Teacher Trade

A representative from the Boston-based teacher placement agency Carney-Sandoe will meet individually with students seeking employment this Friday from 8-5. Check with Elaine in the Bread Loaf office for available times and to pick up an information packet.

Press-ing Projects

There will be an important meeting tomorrow afternoon at 12:30 (before lunch) in the Blue Parlor for everyone with a short story project in Barry Press's "Page and Stage" group. If you can't make it, drop Barry a note with your name, story, cast, and rehearsal times this week. Barry thanks you.

WeatherWatch: Chance of Thunder



Source: *Yahoo!* Weather on the World Wide Web

> *'Writing fiction has developed in me an abiding respect for the unknown in a human lifetime and a sense of where to look for the threads, how to follow, how to connect, find in the thick of the tangle what clear line persists. The strands are all there: to the memory nothing is ever lost.'*
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> -- ?

Frost Cabin Fever

Despite the cancellation of last weekend's Frost picnic due to weather, Mark Wright has agreed to lead tours of the Robert Frost cabin this coming Sunday from 4-5 p.m. Check for further details in future *Crumbs*.

Wright's Writing on Reserve

In anticipation of this summer's visit by Vermont poet Jay Wright, Robert Stepto has placed a number of his books on reserve in the library for his class. Bread Loafers are welcome to sneak a preview before the reading on July 30th.

Festival Stuffed with Shakespearean Strategies

Jim St. Pierre invites Bread Loafers to check out *Festival*, a newsletter on "practical and successful techniques for teaching Shakespeare in the middle and secondary classroom." Jim says *Festival* is meant as "a forum for teachers to exchange ideas, with most of the articles sent in by teachers." Complimentary copies are available in the Inn lobby across from the Front Desk. Drop Jim a note or hail him in the hall if you'd like to find out more.

Able-Bodied Brave Abraham

George Lightcap and Jeannie LeBlanc will lead a hike up to the open-faced summit of Mount Abraham this Saturday. The six-mile round trip features a moderate climb and some low-key rock scrambling, with one of the state's best 360 degree panoramic views at the top. Meet at the Inn Porch at 9 a.m.; hikers are responsible for securing their own nourishment for the hike. Drop George or Jeannie a note if you have any questions.

Tour Ticket Tips

Jackie Royster reports that Bread Loafers interested in next summer's tour of the Underground Railroad sites in Brandon might want to get on the mailing list in advance so that tickets can be purchased ahead of the expected sell-out. Send requests to: Underground Railroad Tour, Box 25, Brandon VT 05733. Info will be sent in the spring.

Busing Busby

James Busby seeks a ride to New York City this coming weekend, July 12-14. Please drop him a line if you can help out. He claims he'll be pleasant and help pay for gas in return.

Sitters Sought for Wofford Offspring

Susanne and Jaques are looking for someone to sit for their two boys while they attend this Friday's theater performance. Please drop them a line if you can help out.

ReggaeRama

Vermont's annual summer ReggaeFest takes place at the Addison County Fairgrounds in New Haven this coming Saturday from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. This year's headliner is Burning Spear, who are expected to take the stage around 6 p.m. Admission to the music festival is free, though there is a $20 per carload parking fee. Check local papers for more information.

Adorable Beginnings

Janet and Michael Atkins posted the correct response to yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™ just seconds after the *CyberCrumb* itself was posted on BreadNet. Then again, someone like Mr. Walt Whitman shouldn't have taken that long to recognize, as Connie Palmisano, Katrien Sundt, and Jay Wood pointed out. The one writer featured today shouldn't be so easy to figure, though an optimist would see that as a welcome challenge.

It's Happening All Over Again...

Barn Dance
Saturday 9-1
Get Set For Retrograde:
Come As Your Favorite Era

Tawdry Top Ten

Many of today's Top Tens were passed along in hushed tones and cyberwhispers, and now we know why the campus is so quiet on weekends. Guest judges for today were Shue Bellows, Jane Cadwell, and Barry Press, so here's what worked for them:

The Top Ten (or so) Pick-Up Lines at Bread Loaf

15. Is that _____ in your pocket or are you happy to see me? [Fill in the blank: a hi-lighter (KJB), a loaf (CT), *Ulysses* (KH), and the absolute best: "Is that Dickens in your pocket?" "Why yes, *Hard Times*." (MOA)]
14. I don't usually let people cut in front of me at the salad bar, but in your case... (KH)
13. Do you have copies of last week's *Crumbs* in your room? (CT)
12. Let's go out to the woods and I'll show you the old pine. (KJB)
11. Excuse me, but would you adjust my font for me? (KJB)
10. Ophelia...if you let me. (MOA)
9. How about a little close examination of the text? (CT)
8. I see your skeet gun isn't firing...do you need some help? (KH to MOA)
7. Hey baby, wanna see my Men of Annex tattoo? (MOA)
6. Hey babe, what's your signifier? (KH, KJB)
5. Wanna know why they call it the Milkhouse? (MOA)
4. Gee, your citronella smells terrific! (KJB, KH)
3. Of course I'm single...I'm at Bread Loaf! (CT)
2. Why don't you come over and practice for your oral exams? (CT)
1. If I told you you had a beautiful canon, would you hold it against me? (KJB)

The Key: MOA=Men of Annex (Kevin McNulty, Kurt Caswell, Bruce R. Smith, Tim Groves, Sean Williams, Gary Montaño, Bill Clarke, Jason Crossett, Sam Winslow, Paul Parson, and honorary "Dream Team" member from Oxford Stephen Schadler); KJB=Katrien Sundt, Jay Wood, and Bill Knauer; CT=Cherry Tarts (Sondra Porter, Mary Burnham, Sandy McCulloch, and Janet Trask); KH=KLAPP HaPPy, or, the Mistresses of the Quick Quip, who sewar they've heard'em all (Karen Loutzenheiser, Annette Hardin, Prudence Plunkett, and Patricia Parrish). Missing in action (and you can take that however you want): The Guys of Gilmore.

Next up: **Top Ten Things Mark Wright Won't Show You on the Frost Cabin Tour**. Entries are due to the *Crumb*-box by breakfast next Tuesday.

The crumb

Erratta Edition

Wednesday, July 10, 1896
Breadloaf School of English
Volume 7.7, Number 12

Anual Eratta Addition

The *Crum* editor is totely embarassed by the fact that in yesterdays' issue, doug Wood's name was left off the Men of Annex list in the top ten's. He regrets the error. And urges that any one who spots an error in their crumb please report it two him and he will give a prize too the one who finds the most. Since many of you are teacher's your probably use to this anyway; so get out, those red pens, and have at it.

Much Ado About *Goody-Two-Shoes*

Bread loaf faculty member Shirley Heath will lunch a multimedia presentation entitled "In Search of Another 18th-century Jane" this evening in the Barn at 7:30 tonight, which is about her archival obsession with finding the author of*Mrs. Goody Two-Shoes*. All members of the breadloaf community welcome.

Service In-Service

Former Pencilvania senator Harris Wofford will be hear tomorrow evening. Talking about the Corporation for National Service, which he is Chef Executive Officer of. The discussion will be in Barn 1 at 7:30 a.m. The father of faculty member Susanne Wofford, a smaller group will meet with Mr. Wofford on Friday at 5:00 also in Barn 1 to look at ways to include service learning in a school based setting. please sign up outside the Bread Loaf office in advance.

The Devils and Dostoevsky

Guest Director Oskar Eustis has been working with both students and professional actors to present *The Devils*, an adoption of Dostoyevski's *The Possessed* written by Elizabeth Egloff this Friday evening at 7:30 in the theatre. Ushers are still in need for the performance, as well as other performances this summer. (The benefits of ushering includes "hobnobbing with the actors, entree to behind the scene's excitement, and great seats with no waiting line! Says Carol Dunnne, house Manager. See her or drop her a note for more details, or to sign up.

WeatherWatch: Sunny Skies At Last

Today	Tomorrow	Friday	Friday
Some clouds High:75°	Mostly Sunny High:82°	Mostly Sunny High:83°	Mostly Sunny High:82°

Source: *Yahoo!* Weather on the World-Wide Web

'All nature is but art, unknown to thee;
All chance, direction which thou canst not see;
All discord, harmony not understood;
All partial evil, universal good;
And, spite of pride, in erring reason's spite,
One truth is clear, Whatever is, is right.'
-- ?

Employment Oportunities

Boston based placement agency Carney-Sandoe will meet with students looking for teaching positions this Friday from 8-5. Check the bored outside the breadloaf office for available times and Elaine will give you a informational packet.

Lack Attacked: Pack Back in Stock

A shortage of Bob Pack's book Minding the Sun in the bookstore has resulted in the reordering of the book by the book store. For those who want it the store now has it.

Frost Foray

Mark Wright will conduct short tours of the Robert Forst Cabin Sunday afternoon between 4 to 5 a.m. For those in need of a van, leave the Front Porch of the Inn at four and come back when you're dun.

Parlor Darlings

This Sunday evenings' Blue parlor reading featured beloved local writers Sandy McCulloch, John Mancuso, and Sylvie Sáenz, and Jason Tandon. Come early to secure optimum seating, the reading will comence at 7:30.

Andrea's Answer

Occultatio was the correct answer to Andrea Lunsford's question: the rhetorical trope Jim Maddox employed in his opening night adress. A number of other answers were recieved, with Frank Betkowskis bid of *preterition* came closest to the mark, according to Andrea.

Puffing Prohibition

A reminder: to all members of the Bread Loaf community no smoking aloud in public spaces. Alas, this includes dormitories, and "private' rooms in said dormitories, and also bathrooms as well in sad dormitories. Please be kind to your nabors and bring those cig's outside.

Tune Tutor Touted for Wofford Offspring

Susanne and Jaques are looking for someone to serve as a piano/music teacher for their 7 and a half-year-old son Gabriel (he has had two years already). He especially likes rock'and'roll songs. Drop them a note if you can help out.

Mad About Madrigals

A Madrigalian reminder: rehearsal is at 4:40 this afternoon in the Barn. All those whom have wished to become members but who had simply lapsed on the meeting times up to now, you may still attend. "All will be forgiven," says Madrimatrix Shawna Boll.

Larkin Lined Up

Folk/Rock singer Patty Larkin will perform "free-of-charge" tomorow evening as part of the Middleberry "Festival-On-The-Green." Check the schedule outside the "front desk" for details of "other" performances this weak.

Rebecca's Ride to ReggaeFest

Rebecca Sachs and Cindy Rosenthal seeks a ride to the Reggae Festival at the Adisson county fair grounds, this Saturday in New Haven. She'll even pay the $20.00 dollars per carload parking fee for you. Call 388-7733 or, leave a message at the Front Desk if you can help out.

Dance Hall Days

Be prepared for an all era musical mix on saturday night in the barn as history repeats itself all over again. This weeks dance starts at 9:00 p.m. and will last just passed 1:00. Dont forget to bring you i.d. if you look young and plan to consume alcaholic beverages.

Bellringer's Birthday

Those stoping by the Breadloaf office today, should wish Marilyn Delaney a "Happy Birth Day."

Touristy Top Ten

Just discovered: some pick-up lines from the Women of Larch (WOL), including "I'm married, but we can work around that", "I need some help with my hard drive," and "who needs pick-up lines when there are five woman to every men?" Let's see what this new group can do with the next topic: Top Ten Things Mark Wright Won't Show you on the Frost Cabin Tour. Entries due by Tuesday brakefast.

Kloman Consults Religious Icon

Ed Kloman writes: "I consulted the Oracle at Annex (Chez Wood/Knauer) and the wizened ones knew not...so I suggested Eudora Welty...and said oracle said yes, it could possibly be so...so is it so?" 'Tis so, Ed. And so also thought the Atkins's, masters of the couples tourney, and Oxfords Assistant Steve Duffy via email as well (Welcome back to the running, Mr. Duffy.).

The crumb

Thursday, July 11, 1996
Bread Loaf School of English
Volume 77, Number 13

Wofford Offers Service Sessions; Post-Speech Reception Scheduled

The Bread Loaf community welcomes former Pennsylvania Senator and Bread Loaf Faculty Parent Harris Wofford to our mountain campus today. Wofford, who now serves as Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service, will discuss that program in a general presentation this evening at 7:30 in Barn 1. Following his talk, there will be a reception in Treman Cottage, to which all are invited. Wofford will meet with a smaller group tomorrow afternoon to address more specifically the role of service learning in the schoolroom setting. That seminar-style meeting will take place at 5:00 in Barn 1. Check outside the Bread Loaf office to sign up for Friday's session.

Playwright Possessed

Elizabeth Egloff's re-visitation of Fyodor Dostoyevski's nihilistic novel *The Possessed* will be performed in a workshop production tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Burgess Meredith Theater. *The Devils* features three Bread Loaf community actors working in concert with professional actors from the Trinity Repertory Theater, all under the direction of guest artist Oskar Eustis. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis for this one-night-only show.

If you'd like guaranteed seats at theater performances this summer, you might consider signing up to be an usher; a list is posted at the Front Desk for the few spots remaining. See Carol Dunne for more information.

Classroom Recruiters Come Courting on Campus

Today is the last day to sign up for an individual interview with a representative from Carney-Sandoe, a Boston-based teacher placement agency. Half-hour appointments are available between 8 and 5; check on the bulletin board outside the Bread Loaf office or with Elaine Hall for open times and meeting locations.

WeatherWatch: Let it Shine

Today	Tomorrow	Friday	Friday
Mostly Sunny High:80°	Mostly Sunny High:78°	Partly Cloudy High:82°	Partly Cloudy High:85°

Source: *Yahoo!* Weather on the World-Wide Web

'How wrong Emily Dickinson was! Hope is not 'the thing with feathers.' The thing with feathers has turned out to be my nephew. I must take him to a specialist in Zurich.'
-- ?

Clarvoe's Croatian Chronicles

Bread Loafers are invited to attend an informal reading of *Ambition Facing West*, a new play by Anthony Clarvoe chronicling four generations of Croatian families and their immigration to the United States. The presentation will take place Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. in Barn 1.

Cabin Cruisers

Mark Wright will be on hand in the Robert Frost Cabin on Sunday afternoon between 4 to 5 p.m. for those interested in hearing more about the poet's Ripton experience. To get there, head west on Route 125 and turn right just before the Frost Wayside; head on up the gravel road and cut in behind the Homer Noble farmhouse at the top of the hill. A van will deliver site-seekers to the spot, and will leave from the Front Porch of the Inn shortly before 4:00.

Parlor Impresarios

John Mancuso, Sylvie Sáenz, Jason Tandon, and Sandy McCulloch will read from their creative works this Sunday evening in the Blue Parlor at 7:30. Doug Wood, fearless frontman for the Men of Annex, will *not* be reading, but didn't want his name to be left out of today's *Crumb* all the same. Don't forget to show up early for the reading if you want comfortable seating; the chairs go fast, and the floor – it can be crowded.

Athletic Inclinations

For those needing a break from the academic demands of Mountain life, recall the following opportunities: there will be a hike up nearby Mount Abraham this Saturday leaving from the Inn at 9 a.m. (in interested, address a missive to George Lightcap); there will be a soccer kick-around this Friday at four by the volleyball nets (drop-kick a note to Jay Wood if interested); there will be Ultimate Frisbee this Sunday afternoon on the playing fields at four (fling yourself at Laurie Greco for more details); there will be a softball game on the playing fields Sunday at 2 p.m. (pending players); and the Wimbleloaf '96 tennis tournament is currently underway on the clay (check for match-ups and report scores on the board outside the dining hall). Bread Loaf Bowlers beware: ten-pin action starts next week. Check future *Crumbs* for more details.

Clinical Closure

This just in from Cornwall Cottage: "The nurses hereby notify the potentially ill, infirm, or injured that the clinic will be closed on Tuesday, July 16th, from 11:30-2:30 p.m. and thank you in advance for planning your visits accordingly."

Desperately Seeking Stadium Seats

Jan Bruml, props master for the theater, seeks a camp or stadium seat for use in next week's play rehearsals and performance. If you have one for loan, please stop by the theater shop to see her.

Skit, Soliloquy, Slapstick Scene and Song-and-Dance Sign-Ups

Carolann North and Mark Wright will be assembling materials for a Bread Loaf Revue to be held the final week of the summer. Those interested in reserving a spot on the program should drop either one of them a note describing the act by next Friday. Tentative showtime: August 7th at 7:30.

Gospel Group Gathers

Anyone interested in singing gospel music for a debut at the Bread Loaf revue should drop a note in Carolann North's box or show up next Tuesday at 6:45 in the Inn lobby for an informal meeting.

Date With the Devils

Julia at Croutons announces that babysitters are available for angels and devils alike during Friday night's play performance. Check with her for further details or to make arrangements.

Ants in your Pants?
Take a Chance.
Find Romance.
Barn Dance.
Saturday, 9 p.m.

Reggae-a-go-go

Former Bread Loafer Sally Zitzmann has extra space in her car for those wishing to attend this Saturday's ReggaeFest in New Haven. She plans to spend the entire day there, all the way through Burning Spear's set (which begins around 6 p.m.). Drop a note for her via Annie Smith's box to arrange the details; Sally will be on campus tomorrow afternoon as well.

Chronological Cacophony

Friday night's Barn Dance will feature a hit mix from a variety of eras as the DJ goes "Retrograde" for a number of sets. Come attired in the style of your favorite musical period; minuets will be kept to a minimum unless there is fervent demand. If your dress doesn't date you and you still appear somewhat young, be prepared to show your I.D. to the fermented beverage dispensers.

Local Poet Leary of List

Robert Frost is no doubt turning in his grave, given some of the received responses to this week's second topic, Top Ten Things Mark Wright Won't Show You on the Tour of the Robert Frost Cabin. Contrary to previous erroneous announcements, lists are due in the *Crumb* mailbox (in the Inn or on the Internet) by breakfast *tomorrow* for inclusion in Friday's edition. Also, feel free to offer future Top Ten topics if you have'em; the Editor is always open to suggestion.

Wood Alienated by List Exclusivity

While Jay Wood continues to make his daily mark in the Quote-of-the-Day™ contest, Doug Wood must settle for a twice-a-week entry in the Top Ten List (providing, of course, that the editor remembers to publish his name...). Joining Jay in correctly guessing Alexander Pope as yesterday's speaker were Connie Palmisano, Birgit Dawes, and Oxfordian Steve Duffy. The Atkinses have asked that I pass over their drastically incorrect guess and make no mention of it in the *Crumb*, and so, exercising my directorially-appointed right to occultatio, I will follow their wishes.

The Crumb

Friday, July 12, 1996
Bread Loaf School of English
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Service Seminar

Those interested in learning more about the Corporation for National Service and its opportunities for integrating volunteer service into the classroom setting are invited to attend a seminar this afternoon led by former Senator Harris Wofford, who now serves as Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation. The meeting will take place at 5:00 in Barn 1.

Egloff's and Dostoyevski's *Devils*

Fyodor Dostoyevski's novel *The Possessed* will be transplanted to the stage as visiting playwright Elizabeth Egloff and Director Oskar Eustis present *The Devils*, a work in progress, this evening in the Burgess Meredith Theater at 7:30. The cast of The *Devils* includes three Bread Loaf student actors as well as members of the Trinity Repertory Theater. Since this is a one-night-only presentation and seating is limited, Bread Loafers wishing to attend should plan on arriving early. Rumors that the show is somewhat long suggest that audience members might be well-advised to bring pillows or cushions along to soften their seats in the theater.

Pack in Action

Bread Loaf faculty member and poet-in-residence Robert Pack will read from his work next Monday evening at 7:30 in the Barn. Pack is the author and editor of a number of books and for many years served as the Director of the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. His reading will be followed by a reception in Treman, to which all are invited.

Immigration Presentation

Ambition Facing West, a new play by Anthony Clarvoe, will be presented in an informal reading tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m. in Barn 1. The piece consider the lives of displaced Croatians as they make their way to and in the United States. All are welcome to attend.

WeatherWatch: Bring on Bertha

Today	Tomorrow	Sunday	Monday
Mostly Sunny High:85°	Wind and Rain High:75°	Chance of Thunder High:85°	Chance of Thunder High:84°

Source: *National Weather Service*

'Tomorrow was Monday. Monday, the beginning of another school-week! Another shameful, barren school-week, mere routine and mechanical activity. Was not the adventure of death infinitely preferable? Was not death infinitely more lovely and noble than such a life?'

Wright Recalls Reclusive Writer

Tours of the Robert Frost cabin will take place rain or shine Sunday afternoon between the hours of four and five. Mark Wright will be on hand to offer insights and anecdotes about Ripton's privacy-minded writer. Those in need of motorized passage to the Cabin should show up on the Front Porch of the Inn shortly before four.

Press's Impresarios

Barry Press reminds all those in his "Page to Stage" class that there will be a share/work session for all short story groups on Tuesday night from 7:30-9:30 in Barn 1. "Be prepared to share where you are in your process," writes Barry. See him soon if you won't be able to attend.

Cap-Happy

Heather Carson reports that the Wimbleloaf hats have arrived for those who ordered them; they may be picked up at the Front Desk.

Dance Jam Enjambment

Tomorrow night's dance will jump from era to era and feature a rollicking reelin'-and-a-rockin' rock-and-roll review of the past four decades in music. Come dressed in your favorite period attire, from poodle skirts to polyester pullovers, or just show up to shimmy and shake the night away. Refreshments will be served (bring your I.D. if you look overly innocent); the retro show is set to go from 9-1.

Loafers Flock to Flea Markets

Standard Register will hold its annual summer flea market sale tomorrow from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the factory's parking lot (along Route 7, just before the A&W on the way into Middlebury). Head out early for the best buys as employees and others set our their wares; paper products in particular are in abundance as the company itself sells off its seconds. Another popular flea market in the area remains open each weekend up in Charlotte; look for it just before the Vermont Wildflower Farm on the left side of Route 7 as you head north toward Burlington.

Doin' the Blue

Bread Loaf writers Sylvie Sáenz, Jason Tandon, Sandy McCulloch, and John Mancuso will present their work this Sunday evening at 7:30 as the Blue Parlor Reading series continues. Refreshments will be provided; plan on arriving early to secure seating for this ever-popular weekly event.

Mt. Abe a Bust as Bertha Blows In

Heavy rains and high winds associated with hurricane Bertha may be heading this way, according to possible National Weather Service projections. For that reason, hike leaders George Lightcap and Jeannie LeBlanc have canceled tomorrow's scheduled expedition up Mount Abraham, saying, "To everyone who was looking forward to our walk in the sky: we'll try again in a couple of weeks. Sleep late instead!"

Slight Service Suspension

A reminder: the Cornwall Clinic and Infirmary will be closed from 11:30 until 2:30 next Tuesday. Please plan your visits accordingly and play it safe during that period.

Coal Miner's Son Comes to Class

In one of the strongest showings yet this summer, a number of Bread Loafers correctly identified Woody Allen as the speaker of yesterday's quote (from *Without Feathers*). Congrats to Ed Brown, George Lightcap, Peter Newton, Leslie Gerchick, Katrien Sundt, Charles Newman, Jon Rosenshine, Laurie O'Neill, Oxfordian Steve Duffy, Chris Onken, Connie Palmisano, and Lundy Smith (who writes "The *CyberCrumb* rocks my world!") for their correct guesses. Ventures at today's source are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by the start of the next school-week (i.e. Monday morning).

List Looks at Laureate

Bread Loafers near and far rallied and came up with a huge number of fine responses to a challenging topic this week. Whose words they are I think I know; you'll find them noted down below.

Top Ten (Times Two) Things Mark Wright Won't Show You on the Tour of the Robert Frost Cabin

20. Frost Barcalounger and remote control. (CT)
19. Bob's bastard brother, Jack. (KH)
18. Collection of caustic love letters from Dorothy Parker. (LOL)
17. Secret "Roberta" Frost closet. (DF)
16. Two words: Frost's Heaves. (DF, CT)
15. The missing tennis net from third court. (KJB)
14. O.J. Simpson's other glove. (MOA)
13. Frost's copy of "Official Top Ten Guys of Gilmore Pick-Up Lines" list. (GOG)
12. Every issue of the *Crumb* in which he correctly guessed the Quote-of-the-Day™. (KJB)
11. Box of fan mail from Bob Pack. (LiLe)
10. Bomb-making supplies and survivalist manifesto. (DF, CT)
9. Frost's "Co-ed Naked Birch Swinging" T-shirt. (KJB)
8. Underground tunnel to Gilmore. (KH)
7. Underground tunnel to luscious lap of luxury that is Larch. (LOL)
6. Original version of "Fire and IEC" written on porch of Ripton Store. (KJB)
5. X-rated video "On Johnson Pond." (MOA)
4. Draft of "Road Not Taken" with potential last line: "And that has made ~~no~~ ~~a little~~ ~~some~~ ~~not so much~~ ~~mucho~~ *all* the difference." (KJB)
3. The road *most* taken to the Out-Out House. (MOA, GOG)
2. Draft of "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" revealing first line and original inspiration, "I really *really* have to go..." (GOG)
1. Official Robert Frost Workout Video: "Poetry in Motion: Puns of Steel." (MOA)

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Next up, another encore: Top Ten Signs of Stress at Bread Loaf. Entries due by Tuesday morning in the *Crumb* Inn or Internet mailbox.

The Crumb

Monday, July 15, 1996
Bread Loaf School of English
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Pack Topic Top Pick Tonight

Professor Robert Pack will present a talk entitled "Natural Ambivalence" this evening at 7:30 in the Barn. The reading will include selections from his most recent book, *Minding the Sun*, along with a new essay entitled "Naming the Animals." An open discussion will follow the reading, to which all are invited.

A Way With Awards

Director Jim Maddox will host an Awards Banquet tomorrow evening at 6 p.m. in the dining hall, during which recipients of named scholarships and teaching chairs will be recognized. All members of the Bread Loaf community are welcome to attend; guests should remember to purchase meal tickets in advance at the Front Desk.

MacVey Displays Staged *Flight*

Bread Loaf Theater/NEH Professor Alan MacVey will direct a staged reading of *Flight*, a new play that he has written, this Wednesday evening at 8:00 in the Burgess Meredith Theater. MacVey says the play "explores the issues of abortion and euthanasia in a style that blends realism and fantasy." The presentation should last about two hours and will be followed by an open discussion of the work.

Press Pushes Process

Students in Barry Press's "Page to Stage" class are reminded of tomorrow evening's progress presentation and processing session from 7:30-9:30 in Barn 1. Check with Barry if you will be unable to attend.

Weekender Warnings

The Front Desk staff warns students to cash checks before Friday in order to be assured of the bank having sufficient funds on hand during the break.. Also, bear in mind during your travels that the annual "Suppressed Desires" costume party will be coming up on Saturday the 27th; as veterans of the infamous "come as you *want* to be" shindig can tell you, it's never too soon to start shopping.

WeatherWatch: Unstable Blend

Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday	Thursday
Sun and Storms High:84°	Mostly Cloudy High:80°	Partly Cloudy High:80°	Mostly Sunny High:82°

Source: *National Weather Service*

'Is the function of the poet here mere sound,
Subtler than the ornatest prophecy,
To stuff the ear? It causes him to make
His infinite repetition and alloys
Of pick of ebon, pick of halcyon.
It weights him with nice logic for the prim.
As part of nature he is part of us.'

Photo Frenzy

This year's all-School photo will be taken Wednesday (weather permitting) at 12:30 (i.e. right after classes, right before lunch) near the stone wall across from the Inn. Special photos (Seniors, NEH members, Waitstaff, etc.) will be taken immediately following. Faculty and staff should assemble on the West Lawn at 1:45 (i.e. right after lunch, right before classes) for their photos. Please be extra patient at lunch tomorrow, as service may be delayed somewhat by the photo shoot. Copies of the photos will be made available to all Bread Loafers in the weeks ahead.

President Postpones Party

John Mancuso, Co-President of the Senior Class, has submitted this missive: "Attention Seniors! The senior class party, which has been moved, canceled, and now postponed, *will* happen at Treman, only after the long weekend. We'll let you know...sorry for the rumors, speculations, and false starts."

The Week at a Glance

Monday		
4:40	Madrigal Rehearsal	Barn
7:30	Faculty Reading: Robert Pack	Barn
Tuesday		
6:00	Awards Banquet	Dining Hall
Wednesday		
12-2	School Photos	Around Inn
4:40	Madrigal Rehearsal	Barn
8:00	Theater: "Flight"	Theater
Friday-Sunday		
	MID-TERM BREAK (NO CLASSES)	
Friday		
9:00	Movie: "Dog Day Afternoon"	Barn
Saturday		
9:00	"Micro" Dance & PJ Party	Barn
Sunday		
7:30	Blue Parlor Reading	Blue Parlor

Clinical Intermission

The nurses at the Cornwall Clinic and Infirmary hereby warn the Bread Loaf community that services will be suspended briefly between the hours of 11:30 until 2:30 tomorrow. Please plan your visits accordingly and play it safe during that period.

Act Attractors

Carolann North and Mark Wright are signing up musical, theatrical, and "other" acts for a Bread Loaf Revue, which will premiere the last week of the session. Anyone interested in performing should drop them a note by this Friday or catch up with them in person sometime soon. Opening night is tentatively scheduled for August 7th.

Gospel Possible

Carolann North is looking for others who are interested in gathering together for gospel music sessions featuring a mix of hymns and spirituals. Drop a note in her box or just drop by the Inn Lobby tomorrow evening at 6:45 for more information.

Huntington Hunting

Marie Huntington is looking for "anyone out there from Cushing Academy in Ashburnham MA." If that describes you, Marie would like to touch base. She is also searching for a metal printer stand that she left by the Inn fire escape (near Annex) on Friday night. Please leave her a note at the Front Desk or call her at extension 35 if you can help out on either of her hunts.

Top Ten-sions

This week's first topic, Top Ten Signs of Stress at Bread Loaf, has already generated substantial anxiety among the various competitors. The deadline is nigh; suggestions should be posted to the *Crumb* by breakfast tomorrow for inclusion in the mid-day edition.

Stephen Wallows in Pride

Stephen Duffy comes through on the Internet once again, as he correctly identified D.H. Lawrence as the author of last Friday's Quote-of-the-Day™. Connie Barton and Jay Wood joined him in naming the source, with Katrien Sundt gaining points for having suggested the excerpt. The results of your academic discourse on today's are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow

The Crumb

Verse Edition

Tuesday, July 16, 1996
Bread Loaf School of English
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Flight Night

For theater tomorrow, we have a new play
directed and written by Alan MacVey.
Though scheduled for eight,
It starts half an hour late;
You could say that his *Flight* was delayed.

Award to the Wise

This evening at dinner
Jim will tell us the winner
of each Bread Loaf Scholar and Chair.
Come cheer on your classmates
as Director Jim orates
and entertains everyone there.

Press Presents Essence

Process and progress interest Barry Press
whose class has a session tonight.
Whether scenes show finesse or depress or digress,
are confesséd messes or slight,
come students, at 7:30, prepared to assess
whether pieces are blighted or bright.
And if they show stress or express less success
Barry hopes they can be set a-right.

Dog Day Dada

Maraschino, maraschino
Show a film with Al Pacino.
Eat some popcorn, drink some Cokes
In the Barn with other folks.

Friday night, a movie break
from your reading/writing take.
Maraschino, maraschino
Nine o'clock with Al Pacino.

WeatherWatch: Unstable Blend

Today	Tomorrow	Thursday	Friday
Cloudy; Storms Late High:82°	Mostly Sunny High:85°	Partly Sunny High:90°	Sunny? Cloudy? High:83°

Source: *National Weather Service*

'Nor love thy life, nor hate; but what thou liv'st
Live well; how long or short permit to Heaven.'

African Photofest

To Zimbabwe did one man named Kenna once go
for to take many slides and assemble a show.
He's bringing them here so that we all may see
them today at 4:30 in Barn classroom 3.

Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Mountain

Tomorrow we're all to appear filled with zest,
wearing smiles and at least relatively well-dressed.
The photographer will with his camera take
the School picture, for which we should all look awake.

He'll shoot in the field right across from the Inn
the whole lot of us, students and staffers, and then
he'll snap groups like Seniors and all NEH-ers,
DeWitt Wallace Scholars and dining hall waiters.

Then, right after lunch, he's requested to see
The people on staff, and the school faculty.
Their picture he'll take on the Inn's western Lawn;
He'll say "watch the birdie," and then, he'll be gone.

Ed-Van-ced Poetics

What, tell me, what
can take only seven downtown tomorrow?
The van can.

And who, tell me who
will drive down Friday morning at 9:15
and return at noon?
The van man.

And who, tell me who
made these changes to the schedule?
No one other than
the van plan clan.

Bookstore Break-Ing

Alas, now that I have some money for clothes,
the ol' Bread Loaf bookstore announces it's closed!
But just for one day, at the end of this week,
As Heather takes her break in far-off Mozambique.

Kick: The Habit

There once was a man named Jay Wood
Who played soccer whenever he could.
He'll be out with his ball
At 3:30. For all
Who are thinking of coming: you should!

My MicrOde

O, ye ol' Bread Loaf Barn! Such memories fill
my senses! The excitement of dances, the thrill
of romances...What secrets you and I share!
Though many may go off this weekend, I'll be there
inside you, swinging and swaying to the beat
of the Micro dance, the swift movement of feet
across your floors so sensuousness, such rapture!
O, beloved Barn, shall we ever re-capture
the spirit of our spent youth? Yes, I say, and say
again, Yes! At nine o'clock this Saturday
I shall creep to your door in my PJ's
and lose myself in thrall to the DJ's
music – such bliss, such ecstasy! Verily,
I shall party down with you most merrily!

Missing Friday Forecast

Connie Palmisano (who has a beautifully rhythmic name!)
I.D.-ed poet Wallace Stevens and thereby won herself some fame
along with Katrien Sundt and the unbelievable Jay Wood.
Today's clue is rather clever and might trick them (if one could).

You Want Ten by *When*?

For many, the topic "Top Ten Signs of Stress"
was its own source of tension and creative duress.
Some groups persevered and stood up to the test;
we've chosen below those we felt were the best.

10. No one submits entries to Top Ten Lists. (KJB, MOA)
9. Jay Wood misses Quote-of-the-Day™. (KJB, RD)
8. At three in the morning, you're up trying to find a topic for a paper due last summer. (KH)
7. Ralph, Jane, and Shue can't find a fourth for tennis. (KJB)
6. Dining Hall patrons silence glass-ringing once and for all. (KJB)
5. Your physical presence in the Computer Cellar causes machines to crash. (KH)
4. Substitution of Ben and Jerry's for all other belief systems. (AJ)
3. The Guys of Gilmore start to look good. (KJB)
2. The condom bag in the laundry room is always full. (MOA)
1. Premature interpretation. (MOA)

The Ever-shrinking Key: MOA=Men of Annex (Dugwood, Tom Hadjuk, Kevin McNulty, Kurt Caswell, Bruce R. Smith, Richard Martin, Tim Groves, Sean Williams, John Kissinger, Gary Montaño, Bill Clarke, Jason Crossett, Sam Winslow, Paul Parson, and Stephen Schadler); KJB=Katrien Sundt, Jay Wood, and Bill Knauer; KH=KLAPP HaPPy (Karen Loutzenheiser, Annette Hardin, Prudence Plunkett, and Patricia Parrish); AJ=Anne Barton and Judyth Willis; RD=Renee Dickinson.

Next up: Top Ten
Censored Poten-
tial *Crumb* Headlines;
entry deadline
breakfast Tuesday
(no *Crumb* Friday!).

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The Theater Set Sets Sights on *Flight*

Alan MacVey will present a staged reading of his new play *Flight* this evening in the Burgess Meredith Theater beginning at 8:30 (please note the change of time from that listed in previous calendars). *Flight* blends fantasy and reality as it takes a look at issues such as abortion and euthanasia. For this presentation, Alan has directed members of the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble. The performance should last about two hours, with an open discussion immediately following.

Academic Snapshots

By the time you read this, many of you will have already smiled for the camera in the all-School picture across from the Inn. However, faculty and staff are reminded to reconvene on the West Lawn immediately following lunch (i.e. 1:45) for further photographing.

Taxi-Taker's Trip Triptych

1. The Bread Loaf taxi will be limited to seven lucky riders this afternoon, so sign up at the Front Desk ASAP for a seat.
2. The van will head downtown at 9:15 on Friday morning, with a return trip scheduled for noon.
3. Accordingly, there will be no Friday afternoon service over the break.

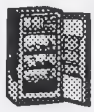
Best Bars and Bolts Store Doors

Bookstore Manager Heather Best reminds the Bread Loaf community that her academic emporium will be closed up lock, stock, and barrel on Friday for the long weekend.

Mad Hatter

Wimbleloaf organizer and cap concessionaire reminds those with delinquent accounts to pay up pronto, else your names will be printed in tomorrow's edition. See her soon if you think your account is in arrears.

WeatherWatch: Shiny Shiny

Today	Tomorrow	Friday	Saturday
			
Sunny and Drier High:83°	Getting Toasty High:86°	Getting Cooler High:77°	Showers Possible High:76°

Source: *"just felt it in my bones..."*

> *'If thou follow thy star, thou canst not fail of a glorious haven.'*

Dog Day for Flick Night

Friday night's feature film presentation will be the 1975 movie *Dog Day Afternoon*, directed by Sidney Lumet. Described by resident cineaste Stephen Donadio as "a knock-out film," the movie stars Al Pacino and John Cazale as bank robbers in a hostage situation gone awry. The action starts at 9 p.m. in the Barn; remember that the Snack Bar will be closed soon after the start of the film.

Dancers' Answer

Wondering what to do with yourself this weekend? Social organizer Asha Appel and co-conspirators Emily Raabe and Tim Dorsey will present the second annual "Dance Within a Dance" this Saturday night for those of us remaining on the Mountain over break. The music will feature songs you all know and love, with special lighting provided by Walter Boswell from the Theater. Last year's event drew rave reviews from its PJ-ed participants; Asha reminds one and all that "sleepwear," modest or scanty, will once more be the fashion *de rigeur* for the evening. The dance starts at 9 p.m. in the Barn and continues full steam to sleepytime.

Breakers: Be Back By the Blue

Those going away for the break are reminded of Sunday night's Blue Parlor reading at 7:30. This weekend's presenters will be Heather Carson, Jim St. Pierre, Kurt Caswell, and Lilace Mellin. Refreshments will be provided for one and all.

Top Ten Tabloid Adjustment

Yesterday's Top Ten announcement didn't quite convey the intent of the next list, so it's been slighly modified: Top Ten Tabloid *Crumb* Headlines. Drop off your suggestions for the Bread Loaf equivalent of the *Star* and *Enquirer* by next Tuesday breakfast for possible publication in that day's edition.

Undaunted Divinities

Apologies to the Atkinses, who, despite being overlooked as correct Wallace Stevens guessers yesterday, remain angels about the Quote-of-the-Day™ and submitted the proper response of John Milton. The clue ("Pair of Dice Lost") was also un-encrypted by Jay Wood and Bill Knauer, Katrien Sundt, Connie Palmisano, and Jamie Cowperthwait. Today's is much easier; answers due to the *Crumb* box by breakfast tomorrow.

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First Epistle to the Oxfordians

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Mid-Summer, 1996
Some sun-dappled grassy spot 'neath a pine

'I have made this letter longer than usual, because I lack the time to make it short.'

Dearest Oxfordia,

*I've heard tell through the grapevine that **Jim Maddox will be leaving for Lincoln College** tomorrow, and that he might consider delivering letters to Bread Loafers abroad, so I've hastily taken pen in hand to dash off a newsy note to you and turn it into the Bread Loaf office by this evening. I trust you will all give Jim a royal reception when he arrives; he'll be there with you through next weekend, during which time we here will have the pleasure of once more being directed by Robert Stepto.*

*Jim hosted our **awards banquet** here the other night — a wonderful affair all around, though I do confess I so lost myself in applause for each recipient that I couldn't recall who was awarded what by the end of the evening! The Crumb promises to publish a recap early next week; I shall send it along to you via BreadNet (where would we be without BreadNet?!).*

*With the mid-term recess now upon us, many of my friends and colleagues will be away for the weekend. I daresay that won't dampen my spirits, though **the weather forecast for the next few days** does call for a chance of showers and thunderstorms, with occasionally heavy torrents of rain. Cool weather will move in yet again; such has been our lot here on the Mountain this summer! I worry that the Gilmore reading this evening may once again be washed out, but I shall hope and pray that our "brave little boys in the backwoods," as you and I so fondly refer to them, will be able to have their fun.*

*To be honest, I can't imagine a better time to attend one of their little bonfire parties, particularly since **that infernal breakfast bell won't ring until 8:00 tomorrow morning**. (Thank God someone had the foresight to treat the morning meal like a weekend; hence a buffet of eggs to order and, more likely than not, the inevitable potatoes). I shall stagger in with my travel mug in hand, ready to tank up on caffeine for yet another day of researching the occurrence of improper dipthongs in Dyonisian dithyrambs. Then again, maybe I'll just catch **the morning taxi to Middlebury** at 9:15, since there won't be one heading downtown in the afternoon.*

*I'm already looking forward to **Monday night's reading by nature writer Ann Zwinger**, who will be here as part of the Orion Institute. She'll be presenting on Monday evening at 7:30; more on that in my next letter.*

*Speaking of writers, I do hope that my friends C and J.B. will be back in time for **Sunday night's Blue Parlor Reading**. Jim St. Pierre, Heather Carson, and Lilace Mellin are reading (as may Kurt Caswell, though I have heard rumors that he may switch with someone else). I've been good about arriving early and getting myself a good seat; my butt and I both thank you for your practical advice on that topic.*

*I could use some advice on a more personal and sensitive subject, actually. I've heard that we're to have a dance party here on Saturday, **something of a "micro-dance" or "dance within a dance"** that will feature all kinds of great music. There's no problem with that, of course; you know how A. and I would dance until dawn if they let us! Even so, there is the matter of attire. "Sleepwear" has become something of a thematic motif for the evening, but I daresay this campus is not yet ready for a night-time costume the likes of mine! Then again, perhaps it is. I shall, however, be sure to apply the mud-pack more liberally in certain areas before I wander over to the Barn at 9.*

*I plan to be at the Barn tomorrow night as well so that I can watch the movie **"Dog Day Afternoon."** You know how I admire Al Pacino's acting, not to mention John Sayles' incredible directing. I've heard that this film can be fairly intense given the subject matter (a bank robbery), and remain amazed that even back in 1975 someone was daring enough to address issues of sexuality and gender at such a level, at least in a mainstream film. After all, most films of the era featured soundtracks by the Bee Gees. Then again...*

WeatherWatch: Cooling Off

Today	Tomorrow	Saturday	Sunday
Sunny start, then Stormy High:85°	Rain and thunder High:75°	Cool and Cloudy High:71°	Cool and Cloudy High:76°

Source: Zeke, the Predictin' Piglet

*I've also just discovered that there are a number of fine **foreign films to be seen for free** at the downtown campus, including Victor Erice's 1991 film "The Quince Tree." You may recall Erice; he directed "The Spirit of the Beehive" some time ago. At any rate, a listing of these films is posted at the Front Desk, and I shall encourage all my friends to check it on a weekly basis.*

*I've written to my mother asking her to send more money before the **Wimbleloaf Hat Mafia** comes threatening to strap Riversides to my feet and toss me off the bridge into Johnson Pond. Each time I put on the cap will be like wearing a crown of thorns until I pay up my account with Heather...*

*Maybe I'd be better off putting on my thinking cap and coming up with some really creative responses to **the next Top Ten list: The Top Ten Tabloid Crumb Headlines**. Then again, they're not due until Tuesday at breakfast... You know me, procrastinator extraordinaire. I'll probably be up late at night Monday, struggling like the Men of Annex for some last-minute tidbit of titillation that might make KLAPP HaPPY blush.*

*Finally, try as I might, I have had an incredibly difficult time deciphering these **Quote-of-the-Day™ thingies**. It's getting to the point where I'm finding the whole gimmick rather blasé. He may as well write the clue in some cryptic computer language; I'd probably stand a better chance. Despite my own ignorance, certain stars continue to shine (though whatever happened to your own contender, Steve Duffy?). Yesterday, Katrien Sundt, Anne Barton, Connie Palmisano, and the Atkins duo all chimed in with Dante. To think that I missed that one, even after struggling through that class last summer on Contemporary Latin American Poets! Oh, and of course Jay Wood answered correctly as well. Where he finds the time to unravel those stupid clues and play soccer on Friday afternoons at 4 p.m. out by the volleyball nets (rain or shine) is beyond me!*

*Oh, look! I've been writing this entire letter with **the pen Mark Wright has been looking for**! It's a metal Parker pen...I must have picked it up in Barn A where he lost it on Tuesday afternoon. Then again, mine is black and his is gray; hopefully someone else has found his and returned it to him, especially since the **Bread Loaf bookstore will be closed tomorrow** and he won't be able to pick up a replacement.*

Before I sign off, I thought I'd pass along a bit of verse that came my way from Amanda Burridge and Corey Cooper, two of the delightful kids from Croutons:

Croutons

Little toasted bits of bread
that spice up a salad
for a lovely lunch—

A great place to go
to meet friends
from all over the world—

We are the spicy bits—
crumbs off the old loaf—
Bread for the future.

Yours Truly,
Ellen

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A. Zwinger of Birches

Naturalist Ann Zwinger will read from her work this evening at 7:30 in the Barn as part of this summer's Orion Institute in Nature Writing (the group that doesn't just read Frost's "Birches" but actually gets to go out in the woods and swing on them). Zwinger has written a number of non-fiction books, many of which document her travels through western landscapes. Her book *Run, River, Run* won the prestigious Burroughs Medal following its publication. Her most recent book is *Yosemite: Valley of Thunder*. A reception will be held in Treman following the reading, to which all are invited.

Red Rover, Red Rover, Send Andover Over

The entire Bread Loaf community extends a special welcome to students and staff visiting from this summer's Bread Loaf/Andover Writing Project, a program which addresses the teaching of writing and literature in inner-city schools. Bread Loaf alumni and Andover Program Directors Lou Bernieri and Hazel Lockett will also be on campus with the group over the next couple of days. Former and current Andover Academy colleagues are invited to a reception with Lou, Hazel, and the group in Treman at 5:00 this afternoon.

Oracular Consultations

Professor Michael Wood will speak on "Consulting the Oracle" this Wednesday evening as the Bread Loaf Faculty Reading Series continues. Wood will delve into the Delphic topic with major examples drawn from *Macbeth* and Passolini's film version of *Oedipus Rex*. The presentation will take place in the Barn at 7:30; all are welcome to attend.

The Week at a Glance

Monday		
4:40	Madrigal Rehearsal	Barn
7:30	Orion Reading: Ann Zwinger	Barn
Wednesday		
4:40	Madrigal Rehearsal	Barn
7:30	Faculty Reading: Michael Wood	Barn
Thursday		
7:30	Guest Reader: Gary Margolis	Barn
Friday and Saturday		
8:00	Theater: "Golden Child"	Theater
Saturday		
10:00	Suppressed Desires Party	Barn
Sunday		
6:45	Blue Parlor Reading	Blue Parlor
8:00	Theater: "Ikebana"	Theater

"Upon being asked whether he would rather be Achilles or Homer, he replied, 'Which would you rather be — the victor in the Olympic games, or the announcer of the victor?'"

Desirers Desired

Organizers are still being sought for this summer's most debaucherous offering, Saturday's Annual Suppressed Desires party. Planners will develop the theme, arrange for special decorative and topical touches, and assist with set-up and take-down. If people from your dorm or group are interested (Men of Annex? Cherry Tarts?), please make your intentions known to Ralph, Shue, or Jane sometime today.

Props Sought by Shop

Jan Bruml in the Theater seeks assistance with several props needed for upcoming productions. In particular, she needs a violin case and a Fender electric guitar. If you can help, please drop her a note. Also, Jan thanks the kind soul who loaned the stadium chair to the theater, and is ready to return it to its rightful owner. Stop by the theater shop if that means you.

Trash Re-hashed

Bread Loaf community members are reminded that recycling in the beautiful state of Vermont is mandatory. Please do your part by sorting your refuse accordingly; blue bins around campus are clearly labeled as to what should go where; the blue bins are *not* to be used for general trash. Many thanks for your pro-planet attentiveness.

Taxi Takes Six

Wednesday's downtown van will be limited to six passengers. Reserve your seat in advance at the Front Desk.

WeatherWatch: Poet's Paradise

Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday	Thursday
Mostly Sunny High:85°	Chance of Showers High:83°	Mostly Cloudy High:82°	Chance of Frost High:80°

Source: Intercepted Russian Satellite Telemetry

Hike-Liker Lightcap Looks to Upcoming Weekend

George Lightcap will once again attempt to surmount the summit of Mt. Abraham this Saturday, and welcomes all fellow hikers and rock-scramblers to join him. Meet on the Inn porch at 8:45, and bring food and water with you for lunch with a stunning view. Drop George a note in his mailbox for more information, and pray that this Saturday's weather will break the trend of weekend washouts.

Student Describes Lost Saw and Scissors Assembly (Etc.)

Bill Dahill-Baue has lost his pocket knife, which he describes as "one of the fat ones with saw and scissors, etc." (He should be writing *Crumb* headlines...) Please bring it by the Front Desk if you've come across it.

Book Bargain Bonanza

The Vermont Book Shop begins its annual mid-summer sale today, with prices slashed on nearly all items. Get thee there early in the week for the best selection; by Saturday, the paperbacks in particular are pretty much picked-over.

Decadent Headliners

Only one more day until we reveal the Top Ten Tabloid *Crumb* Headlines. Do your *Star*, *Enquirer*, and *Weekly World News* research today, and get those ideas in by breakfast tomorrow for total disclosure in the mid-day edition.

The Mist on Outermost Planets

The clues keep getting harder and harder, but CJ Palmisano and the Atkinses persevered and came up with Blaise Pascal as the speaker of last Thursday's Quote-of-the-Day™. (Sorry Jenny, it wasn't Shirley Brice Heath commenting on her students' papers, but that was a good guess anyway!) Today's has two possible answers, the writer and the subject being quoted; send the identity of either one along to the *Crumb* by breakfast tomorrow for noon-time notoriety.

Awardees Wordily Rewarded

For those community members in absentia for last week's Awards Banquet, or for those whose excitement extirpated subsequent accurate recollections of the roster, herewith the list of those deserving our further recognition and congratulations on being honored:

Student Fellowships:

1st Annual Brent Goeres Scholar	Shawna Boll
Wylie and Lucy Sypher Scholar	Sidney Bridges
Laurence Holland Scholar	Julia Carlson
Hazel Adkins Scholar	Doug Wood
Ruth Walzer Scholar	Heather Carson
Lillian Becker Scholar	Laurie Greco
Challenger Award	Betsy Unger
Dulcie Scott Scholar	Ellen Temple
William Sempreora Scholar	Laura Klein
Beth Cubeta Scholar	Lisa Snook
Margaret Fielders Scholar	Rosie Kolich
Reginald and Juanita Cook Scholar	Laura Rochette
John M. Kirk, Jr., Scholar	John Mancuso
Charlie Orr Scholar	Tom McKenna

Bread Loaf Professorships:

Ruth and Lillian Marino Chair	Courtney Cazden
Frank and Eleanor Griffiths Chair	Margery Sabin
Robert Frost Chair	Susanne Wofford

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INQUISITOR

"Because inquisitive minds demand to know."

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Crumb Exclusive!

ALIEN TELLS MADDOX TO BUILD NEW BREAD LOAF CAMPUS... ON MARS!

'What of a truth that is bounded by these mountains and is falsehood to the world that lives beyond?'

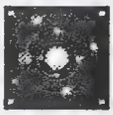
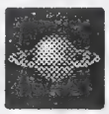
Miraculous Oracles Assist Supernatural Faculty!

Crystal balls, Ouija™ boards, Tarot cards...it's all just "academics as usual" at the madcap mountain campus of the Bread Loaf School of English, where scholars analyze cream patterns in coffee to come up with paper ideas and the faculty bases grades on their students' star charts!

Now, one professor will break the vows of silence normally adhered to by the members of this academic cloister. Michael Wood will tell all as he presents "Consulting the Oracle" tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Barn. Wood will show clips from Passolini's *Oedipus Roi* and include allusions to *Macbeth* in his discussion of the influence of supernatural elements on textual development.

But Bread Loafers beware! Wood threatens to cast a spell on all those who don't attend, and another one on those who haven't read *Macbeth* yet! "You just have to expect this sort of thing on the Mountain," he muses as he prepares his potent incantations. "I hope people don't think I'll simply overlook their absence."

WeatherWatch: UFO Sighters' Delight

Today	Tomorrow	Thursday	Friday
			
Partly Cloudy High:82°	Chance of Showers High:82°	Partly Cloudy High:80°	Partly Cloudy High:80°

Source: Selena's Psychic Meterological Hot-Line (1-900-FOR-CAST)

Hiker Hopes to Bag a Bigfoot!

"Gonna get me a Bigfoot," boasts Jumpin' George Lightcap, whose three previous encounters with the hairy-headed behemoth included chasing one of the sex-crazed creatures out of a women's dormitory on the Bread Loaf School of English campus! "It was trying to disguise itself as the Innkeeper," claims Lightcap, "But I saw through *that* disguise."

Lightcap will lead an expedition up Mount Abraham in search of his big-featured foe this coming Saturday, and invites any and all to join him. He'll be waiting on the Inn Porch at 8:45. "Bring your own food," he says, but he's careful to add "and pray to merciful heaven that we all don't end up on Sasquatch's snack tray!"

BATBOY TERRORIZES BARN!

The Men of Annex, fearless organizers of this summer's Suppressed Desires Dance, warn of BatBoy sightings in the Barn. Don't panic yet; wait until Saturday night!

Ghost of Frost Haunts Faculty Photo!

This summer's school pictures, posted for purchase outside the dining hall, show an eerie sight indeed: the ghost of Robert Frost! "Of course he chose to sit between Bob Pack and me," says Carole Oles, poet in residence at the School. "I could feel his presence even while the picture was being taken." Other photos can be ordered at the Front Desk; delivery will occur by the end of the session. Print prices are pinned up beside the proofs.

Runners Raise Money in Memory

It's the feel-good story of the summer: a whole host of hot-footers running to raise money for a good cause! That's what will happen on Saturday, August 3, when the School of English hosts the Annual Charlie Orr Fun Run.

The race runs a loop from Johnson Pond to the Frost Trail; participants choose their own pace. A $10 minimum registration fee (more if you can afford it) gets you a terrific T-shirt, and contributes to the Charlie Orr Memorial Scholarship Fund. Volunteers are needed to help out with the event; check with Asha Appel for details. Otherwise, just sign yourself up on the sign outside the dining hall, and get set for a spectacular race!

Poet Margolis Masters Mind Power

Though he passes the days analyzing patients and studying psychology, Middlebury Director of Student Counseling Gary Margolis spends most of his time in a more meaningful pursuit: writing poetry! The author of *Falling Awake* and *The Day We Still Stand Here*, Margolis will read from his work Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Barn. All are invited to come and be hypnotized by his spellbinding verse.

Head Hunter Turns Hat Maker!

When she's not out looking for heads to hit around on the tennis court, Heather Carson's out sizing them up — for hats! So far, business has been brisk. Heather has only two hats left, and she's giving them away to the first people who pay. "Forget those deadbeats who didn't pay and didn't pick them up," she says. "The hat maker must be paid!" And what about those who don't pay? "Well, I do need some new hat stands at home..." replies Carson.

Kloman Bemoans Klepto-ed Coat

This just in from one of our faithful readers, who may be the victim of either senseless thievery or just plain misplacement: "An ugly lament, another sad tale of indulgent males who cannot keep track of their stuff...simply too much stuff...so if you could put out an appeal to the community as to knowledge about a Forest Green Patagonia rain anorak (big honking hood...leak-tex technology...no name), I lost it last Monday at the Pack reading and didn't realize it was missing it until this Friday..pretty clueless... My box number is 2355. Thanks, Ed Kloman."

Persistence Pays Off for Soccer Knock-About

Jay Wood, who fell just one guess shy of making the USA Quote-of-the-Day™ team, has set his sights on soccer in his quest for Olympic gold. Join him in training this afternoon at 4:00 out by the volleyball net, and see the stuff stars are made of. (Or, for you grudging grammaticians, the stuff of which stars are made.)

Man Assays Mountain

Crumb Quotemaster Coyle wins a round as no one, not even Jay Wood or Connie Palmisano, guessed the origin of yesterday's Olympic Quote-of-the-Day, which in itself quoted Plutarch (as told to Themistocles). Today's retains an international flavor; guesses are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow.

Increase Your IQ: Take Ten Tabloids and Gall Me in the Morning

As if you haven't had enough already, here are some more:

The Top Ten (But Who's Counting?)
Tabloid *Crumb* Headlines

18. World to End August 7th; Nostradamus, Guest Lecturer August 8th (MOA)
17. Everything You Type on BreadNet Secretly Stored in Government Data Banks! (FD)
16. Alien Life Forms Discovered at Gilmore! (KJB)
15. Doug Wood Left Speechless! (MOA)
14. Nessie Found Vacationing: At Johnson Pond! (KH)
13. Out After Dinner Without Bug Spray: A Survivor's Harrowing Account! (KJB)
12. Image of Jim Maddox Found in Blob of Hummus! (MOA)
11. Elvis Seen Singing Soprano with Madrigalists! (KH)
10. James Joyce Really Joyce James: Stephanie Hero?!? (KJB)
9. Bread Loaf *Brigadoon*: Barn Vanishes After Pack Reading (KH)
8. New Study Reveals: Men of Annex Gossip More Than Women of Larch! (FD)
7. Liz Taylor Marries Men of Annex! (MOA)
6. Modernism Class Reads *Ulysses* in Six Days! (KJB)
5. Top Ten Scandal: Men of Annex Really *Women* of Annex! (KH)
4. What You Don't Know About Tempeh: A Waiter Speaks Out (KJB)
3. Muddled Maddox Avoids Confusion: Changes Professorships to Chairs 1, 2, and 3 (KJB)
2. New "Smart Soup" Has Students Flocking for Seconds! (FD)
1. Ellen Slaps Old Pine with Paternity Suit After Birth of Sapling Boy (KJB)

The Key: MOA=Men of Annex (Doug Would, Kevin McNulty, Kurt Caswell, Bruce R. Smith, Tim Groves, Sean Williams, Gary Montaño, Bill Clarke, Jason Crossett, Sam Winslow, Paul Parson, and Stephen Schadler); KJB=Katrien Sundt, Jay Wood, and Bill Knauer (all of whom read FAR too much Joyce); FD=Front Desk Staff; ; KH=KLAPP HaPPy (Karen Loutzenheiser, Annette Hardin, Prudence Plunkett, and Patricia Parrish.

Next topic: **Top Ten Rejected Final Paper Topics at Bread Loaf**. Entry deadline Friday at breakfast for the weekend edition.

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Race Runners Orr-ganize

This year's Charlie Orr T-shirt design, drawn by Shue Bellows.

Sign-ups continue for this summer's Charlie Orr Memorial Fun Run, which will raise scholarship funds in Charlie's memory. All those donating $10 or more to the cause will receive a commemorative T-shirt designed by Shue Bellows and be eligible to win one of many prizes donated by area merchants. The race begins and ends at Johnson Pond, making a loop through the Frost Interpretative Trail. Entrants are encouraged to go at their own pace; dog-walkers are welcome to tag along as well. Runners and volunteers alike should sign up on the sign outside the dining hall. Check with organizer Asha Appel for more information. The Fun Run begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 3.

Fans Flock to Faculty Fortune Teller

Professor Michael Wood will speak this evening on the literary use of supernatural prognostication in such texts as *Oedipus Rex* and *Macbeth*, employing all manner of multimedia devices to do so. The reading, part of the Bread Loaf Summer Faculty Reading Series, will take place in the Barn at 7:30. Wood invites those with further interest in the subject to join him on the heath when the hurlyburly's done.

Visiting VerseMaster Margolis

Middlebury poet Gary Margolis will read from his work tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Barn. Margolis is the author *Falling Awake and The Day We Still Stand Here*. All are invited to attend; a reception will follow in Treman.

Theater-Goers Get Golden Opportunity

The Bread Loaf campus welcomes a number of guest artists this week as several new theatrical presentations head our way.

On Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., a staged reading of David Henry Hwang's new play *Golden Child* will be presented in the Burgess Meredith Theater under the direction of Oskar Eustis.

Sunday evening, Alice Twan's new work *Ikebana* will be take to the stage, also at 8 p.m., under the direction of Ed Shea.

Both workshop productions are open to the public on a first-come, first-seated basis.

> *"Surely it was time someone invented a new plot, or that the author came out from the bushes."*

Peers Present Projects

School/community-based student projects will be the topic of a presentation tomorrow afternoon at 4:45 in the Library Conference Room. Renee Moore, Sondra Porter, Rex Jim and Karen Mitchell will present and discuss projects which involve students from elementary grades on through high school. All are welcome to attend.

Suppressive "Steam Team"

The Men of Annex have commandeered this weekend's Suppressed Desires dance with their eyes set on the world record for licentious indulgence. The costume party, heretofore dubbed "A Midsummer Night's Steam" by the macho band, will be unleashed on the community this Saturday night in the Barn beginning at 10 p.m.

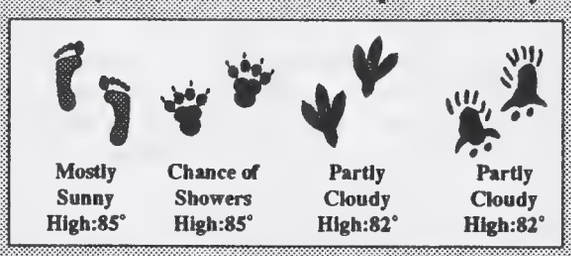
Prizes will be awarded to those whose expressive efforts merit attention, and libations will be on hand for all. Music requests for the evening should be sent in advance to Gary Montaño. Women of Larch be warned: all those appearing at the door dressed up as Doug Wood will be turned away.

Frustrated Photophiles Fail to Find Frost

Alas, just as strangely as the ghost of Robert Frost appeared in the School's Faculty Photo yesterday, the image has now evaporated into the thither etherealness.

Even so, copies of the school photos remain available for $6 apiece; place your orders (cash in advance, please) at the Front Desk. The print proofs can be viewed on the bulletin board outside the dining hall.

WeatherWatch: On the Right Track



Source: Trailmaster Maddox's *Critter-Prints and Weather Prediction*

Play-ers Plan To Do Blue, Too

In order to accommodate those wishing to see "Ikebana" this Sunday evening, the Blue Parlor Reading will begin at 6:45 rather than 7:30. Scheduled presenters for this weekend are Laura Dickerman, Eliza Harding, Adrie Kusserow, and Peter Newton. Post-dinner refreshments will be provided.

Tennis Attendants

The grounds crew reminds Bread Loafers (particularly those intent on squeezing in an early morning Wimbleloaf game) that the courts are closed for maintenance between 7 and 8 in the morning (except on rainy days). Please be considerate and clear the courts when the crew arrives so that the clay can be kept in capital condition.

State Namesake Claims Space for Self

Kudos to Sandy LeGault, Jay Wood, and Connie Palmisano, all of whom correctly identified the Master of the Essay, Montaigne, as the writer referenced in yesterday's *Crumb*. Guesses at today's speaker are due by breakfast tomorrow for lunchtime laudation.

Deca-rejectionism: From *Lysistrata* to Letterman

This week's second Top Ten list will explore how the women of Athens used late night television as an effective means of abstaining from sex with their husbands in protest of the lengthy Peloponnesian War. Which is to say, entries for the Top Ten Rejected Final Paper Topics at Bread Loaf are due by Friday breakfast in the *Crumb* mailbox, e-mail or otherwise.

The Crumb

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Golden Child Premieres Tonight

Visitng playwright David Henry Hwang will present his latest work, *Golden Child*, tonight and tomorrow evening at 8:00 in the Burgess Meredith Theater. Oskar Eustis will direct the cast, which features a number of prominent guest artists. Audiences are invited to remain in the theater after each performance for a short discussion of the play. Seating will be on a first-come, first-seated basis, so plan to arrive early.

Ikebana Debuts Sunday

Weekend theater activities continue on Sunday as Alice Twan presents a reading of her newest play, *Ikebana*. Ed Shea will direct the cast for the one-night-only performance. The actors will take the stage at 8 p.m. in the Burgess Meredith Theater; those audience members arriving early will have the best chance at securing a seat.

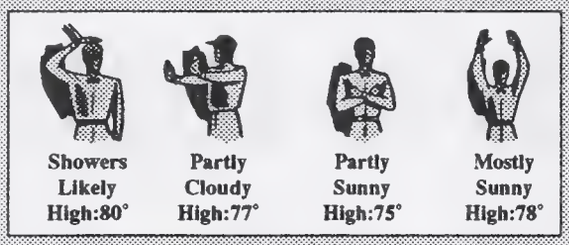
Parlor Reading Precedes Theater

Sunday evening's Blue Parlor Reading will showcase the creative talents of Adrie Kusserow, Peter Newton, Laura Dickerman and Eliza Harding as they read from their poetry and prose. The reading will start somewhat early (6:45) to accommodate those wishing to attend the performance of *Ikebana* at 8:00. Don't delay at dinner; the best seats in the parlor won't wait long.

Theme-Schemers Teem With Extremely Steamy Dreams

Following their riotous Shakespearean romp through the dining hall at last evening's dinner, the Men of Annex once again invite one and all to partake in the merriment at "A Midsummer Night's Steam," the guiding theme behind this summer's Suppressed Desires Dance. It's a come-as-you-want-to-be, not-as-you-are affair. Wild costumes and an out-of-control mix of music and lights should have you feeling transformed in no time at all. The frolic runs from 10-2 tomorrow night in the Barn

WeatherWatch: From Foul to Fair



Today	Tomorrow	Sunday	Monday
Showers Likely High:80°	Partly Cloudy High:77°	Partly Sunny High:75°	Mostly Sunny High:78°

Source: *NFL Book of Meteorological Regulations*

"Rarely use Venery but for Health and Offspring; Never to Dulness, Weakness, or the Injury of your own or another's Peace or Reputation."

Orr Run Organizer Proclaims: Shiftless Will Go Shirtless

Charlie Orr Fun Run Organizer Asha Appel reminds all those who have signed up on the poster outside the dining hall to turn in their $10 minimum donations to her as soon as possible. Only those people who sign up on the poster and have paid their dues will be guaranteed a commemorative T-shirt, so even if you're just volunteering to help out with the race, you should add your name to the list. Checks can be mailed to her via the front desk; if you send cash, please make sure to include your name so that you can be marked as paid. The Run itself will take place on Saturday, August 3rd, beginning at 10 a.m. at Johnson Pond. Joggers, walkers, and saunterers alike are invited to participate in this annual fundraising event.

Witty Woodsman Bwings Gwoup Up Abwaham

George Lightcap, whose Elmer Fudd impersonation is sure to delight one and all, reminds those wishing to join him on tomorrow's hike up Mount Abraham to assemble on the Front Porch of the Inn at 8:45 tomorrow morning. This is a moderate climb, with some rock-scrambling near the summit. The view from the top is spectacular in all directions. Bring warm clothing (it's often quite cool up there) and your own food and water; George will provide colorful conversation and woodsy wit along the way.

Prints Charming

Monday will be the final day to order personal copies of the School photos. Prints have been posted outside the dining hall for your perusal. Cost is $6 apiece; place your pre-paid orders at the Front Desk.

Cocky Quote King Submits Soccer Bit with Alliterative Kick

Jay Wood writes, "Catering to Clarke's call and withering to Winslow's wishes to avoid super-soggy soccer fields, today's classic kick-around will be pleasantly postponed until super Saturday, when field unsaturated, at four o'clock for all to play."

Meanwhile, Laurie Greco reminds one and all that she's tougher than those soccer knock-abouts and that, rain or shine, come hell or high water, the Ultimate Frisbee squad will square off for play on Sunday at 4:00.

Presentation Predisposition

Looking ahead on the schedule, two prominent writers will be reading at Bread Loaf early next week. Julia Alvarez, author of *How the García Girls Lost Their Accents*, will be here on Monday evening at 7:30. Poet Jay Wright, author of *Boleros*, follows on Tuesday. Both have books available in the bookstore; look for more details in next Monday's *Crumb*.

Heath Becomes Hood-Hunter

Professor Shirley Heath has lost a black Gore-Tex® raincoat with a hood. If found, please return it to her or drop it by the Front Desk, where the Lost and Found is maintained. Students are reminded that stealing faculty clothing for Suppressed Desires costumes is a punishable offense worthy of the pillory.

Frankly, All Men Act Poorly

Once again, e.e. cummings drew an incredible response to yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™ contest. Will the following respondents please stand at lunch and take a bow: Shawna Boll, Connie Palmisano, Tim Dorsey, John Kissinger, Patricia Parrish, Jon Rosenshine, Renée Dickinson, Katrien Sundt, Jamie Copwerthawit, and someone named Laura who doesn't want her last name known because she doesn't want you all to think that this is the only one she's gotten all summer long because it's *not*. Today's clue, though it offers not the quoted work, offers the author's oft-quoted project. Guesses due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast on Monday.

Boswell's Johnson: Puerile Puns in Passed-Over Papers

This week's Top Ten topic elicited some responses that are truly best left unwritten, lest this Editor find his own paper unpublished. Herewith, from our home office in Ripton, are the barely printable finalists:

Top Ten (etc.) Rejected Paper Topics

17. Suppressed Desires: A Freudian analysis of KLAPP HaPPy's Obsession with MOA (MOA)
16. Spenser for Hire: Homoerotics and the *Faeire Queene (KJB)*
15. Yo Mama!: Tiresias as the Father of Modern Maternal Disparagement Humor (MOA)
14. Scents and Sensibility: The Rhetoric of Personal Hygiene (KH)
13. To His Coy Mistress: Marvell's Contribution to the Evolution of Pick-Up Lines (MOA)
12. The Sound and the Fury: A Study of Dining Hall Announcements (KJB)
11. The Golden Bowl: An Analysis of Plumbing in the Upper Classes (KH)
10. Medusa's Tips: How to Make a Man Hard with Just One Look (InnV+K)
9. Peter and the Woolf: Phallic Imagery in *To The Lighthouse* (KJB)
8. Dead White Males: Why They Suck (MOA)
7. Women Who Run With Beowulf: Grindl and the Girls (InnV+K)
6. Withering Heights: An Analysis of Male Fictional Characters Who Failed to Rise to the Occasion (KH)
5. Discipline and Punish: Foucault on Classroom Management (KJB)
4. King Lear: Lewd Facial Expressions in Shakespeare (KH)
3. A Room of One's Own: Martha Stewart Interprets Virginia Woolf (InnV+K)
2. Axing the Pine: A Feminist Reading of *Ellen* (KJB)
1. The Road Less Traveled: An Historic Study of the Path Between Gilmore and the Library (MOA)

The Key: The Key: MOA=Men of Annex (you know who they are); KJB=Katrien Sundt, Jay Wood, and Bill Knauer; KH=KLAPP HaPPy (Karen Loutzenheiser, Annette Hardin, Prudence Plunkett, and Patricia Parrish); InnV+K=Kathleen Trump and Victoria Chance.

Our next topic: Top Ten Surprises at the Suppressed Desires Party (real or imagined). Entries due by next Tuesday's breakfast.

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Alvarez Averred

It's confirmed: local literary notable Julia Alvarez will present a guest reading this evening in the Barn at 7:30. Alvarez is the author of a number of books of prose and poetry, including the highly acclaimed *How the García Girls Lost Their Accents* and *In the Time of the Butterflies*. She currently teaches writing and literature in the English department at Middlebury College. All are invited to attend the reading.

Writer Wright Tomorrow Night

Vermont poet Jay Wright will read from his works tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Barn. Wright has won a number of awards and fellowships and combines many cultural influences in the rhythms and textures of his work. His books will be available in the bookstore before and after the reading, including several which are no longer in print.

Class Action

Members of Carole Oles's summer Poetry Writing workshop will present from their works this Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Blue Parlor. All are invited to come and enjoy the fruits of their labors. (And, as for any activity in the Blue Parlor, plan to come early for best seating.)

Photos Filched With *Crumb* Camera

Someone inadvertently (I hope) walked off with my (i.e. Hugh Coyle's) camera while I was DJ-ing at the Suppressed Desires party. It's a sleek black Minolta Freedom 35 with some very priceless photos inside. Please return it to me c/o the Front Desk and all will be forgiven.

Photo Finish

Speaking of photos, today is the last day to place an order for copies of the School photos, which are posted outside of the dining hall. Bring your requests to the Front Desk; payment is expected in advance. Prints will be ready for pick-up next week.

WeatherWatch: Moonlight in Vermont

Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday	Thursday
Mostly Moony High:80°	Showers Developing High:73°	Scattered Showers High:75°	Hazy and Humid High:80°

Source: Moonwatchers Anonymous

'Ah, pray make no mistake,
We are not shy;
We're very wide awake,
The moon and I!'

Fun Run Funds

The Charlie Orr Fun Run will take place this Saturday at 10 a.m., with the race beginning and ending at Johnson Pond. So far the sign-up has been very successful, but race organizer Asha Appel reminds one and all to turn in their $10 minimum registration fee soon (checks should be made payable to Middlebury College) so that she can pay for the T-shirts. Asha has also solicited area businesses for a number of great prizes; some of these will be raffled away on the day of the event. For more details, check with Asha.

Post-Play Party Possible

After the wild and wonderful makeover of the Barn by the Men of Annex for Suppressed Desires (thanks. guys!), the School seeks enthusiastic sponsors for this coming Saturday's party (after the performance of *A Girl's Life* in the Theater). If anyone's interested or has any ideas, check in with Ralph, Jane, or Shue sometime soon (i.e. today if possible).

Rummy Dummies

Laura Flaxman and Heather Carson, admitted novices in the game of gin rummy, seek quick lessons for a scene in their acting class. If anyone can assist, please be in touch with either one of them as soon as possible.

The Week at a Glance

Monday		
7:30	Guest Reader: Julia Alvarez	Barn
Tuesday		
7:30	Guest Reader: Jay Wright	Barn
Wednesday		
7:30	Poetry Class Reading	Blue Parlor
Friday		
7:30	Madrigal Performance	West Lawn
8:00	Theater: *A Girl's Life*	Theater
Saturday		
10:00	Charlie Orr Fun Run	Johnson Pond
7:30	Madrigal Performance	West Lawn
8:00	Theater: *A Girl's Life*	Theater
10:00	Party	Barn
Sunday		
7:30	Blue Parlor Reading	Blue Parlor

Orbits Observed

"The bright planet Jupiter and its moons are optimally placed for viewing this summer," writes Frank Winkler, who will be hosting Open House Nights at the Middlebury College Observatory this Wednesday and next from 9 until 10:30, clear skies permitting. The College's 16-inch telescope is located atop the Science Center at the intersection of College Street and Storrs Avenue downtown. Be reminded during these full moon nights that Bread Loaf also has a telescope (albeit much less powerful) available for loan from the Front Desk.

Beknighted Savoyards' Lyricist Makes Ado About Moon

The *Crumb* is happy to report that at least some people took Ben Franklin's words on venery to heart over the weekend. Steve Duffy, the Atkinses, Connie Palmisano, Jay Wood, Jenny Kelso, Katrien Sundt, and Steve Duffy (who demanded double credit for having also guessed cummings from Oxford) correctly identified the *Poor Richard's Almanac* creator as the source of Friday's Quote-of-the-Day™. Guesses at today's writer (only one of the two, not both, please) are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow.

Surprise Desires

Despite the decisions of the judges at Saturday night's Suppressed Desires party, you can suggest your own awards for costumes (real or imagined) in this week's first Top 10 list: Top Ten Surprises at the Suppressed Desires Party. Entries due by breakfast tomorrow.

Crumb *Lite*

Tuesday, July 30, 1996
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People are stressing; papers are due.
You don't have much time to catch up on the news.
Don't worry. Don't panic. It will turn out all right.
And to help make things simpler, herewith the Crumb Lite.

Poetry

Noted poet Jay Wright will read from his work this evening in the Barn at 7:30.

More Poetry

Writers in this summer's Poetry Workshop will read tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Blue Parlor.

Theater

There will be a staged reading of Kathleen Tolin's *A Girl's Life* on Friday and Saturday evenings beginning at 8 p.m. in the Theater.

Music

The Madrigalists will sing at 7:30 on Friday and Saturday evenings outside the theater.

Photos

Some people ordered School photos but did not pay for them. Please pay for them.

Short Stories

Participants in the "Page to Stage" class must attend a session from 9 -10:30 in Barn A. Final presentations are next Monday evening.

WeatherWatch: One Day at a Time

Today	Tomorrow	Thursday	Friday
Lite Rain High:72°	Low Pressure High:72°	Hazy, Lazy Daze High:79°	Good Nap Weather High:80°

Source: *The Slacker Forecast*

'If he wrote it he could get rid of it. He had gotten rid of many things by writing them.'

Soccer

Play soccer today at 4 p.m.

Frisbee

Play Frisbee tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

Seniors

The Senior party starts at 8:30 Thursday. Please pay the President three bucks.

Lost

One large purple ceramic mug. Return to Kevin Groppe.

Sign-Ups

Check the Bread Loaf office to re-apply for next year, sign up for work study, and order transcripts. Also sign up if you'll be graduating next summer.

Run Raffle

Pay your $10 minimum Charlie Orr Fun Run registration fee and get one free ticket for the raffle. Get more raffle tickets for $1 each at the race. You don't need to run to win a prize. The Run starts Saturday at 10 a.m. It starts at Johnson Pond.

Blue Parlor

These writers will read on Sunday at 7:30 p.m.: Juanita Lavadie, Kurt Caswell, Lilace Mellin, and Laurie ONeill.

Slammed

Note to the *Crumb*: "Attention all Door Slammers: Please Stop!"

Tough Ten

It was tough, but the teams stood up to the task with these sometimes nasty responses:

Top Ten "Surprises" at Suppressed Desires

10. Men of Annex pretended to have dates. (KH)
9. Cherry Tarts lived out Suppressed Desires by skipping dance and hanging out in Annex showers. (MOA)
8. Jay Wood came as Bartlett. (KJB)
7. Guys of Gilmore came as astrophysicists. (KH)
6. Post-dance drag (queen) races in parking lot. (MOA)
5. Peter Newton from the Front Desk came as Peter Newton from the Book Store. (KJB)
4. Court Jester seen eating his own salami. (InnV and K)
3. Prosthetically-endowed Jim Price came as "Men of Annex wannabe." (MOA)
2. Ellen showed up as a lumberjack. (KJB)
1. Men of Annex turn out to be as creative as they are intelligent. (InnV and K)

The Key: MOA=Men of Annex; KJB=Katrien, Jay, and Bill; KH=KLAPP HaPPy; InnV+K=Victoria Chance and Kathleen Trump.

Next topic: Top Ten Bread Loaf-Style Personal Ads. Your first 15 words are free; after that, they're ten cents apiece. Due Friday at breakfast.

They'd Make Papa Proud

See Jay Wood and Bill Knauer think. Think, Jay and Bill, think! See them grab the dictionary and look up "Savoyard." See them correctly guess Sir William Gilbert (of Gilbert and Sullivan fame) as yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™. Good boys, Jay and Bill! Good boys!

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Oles's Poets Deeper by the Dozen

Students in this summer's Poetry Writing Workshop with Carole Oles will read from their works this evening at 7:30 in the Blue Parlor. The program, featuring twelve or so poets, should last about an hour; come early for the best seating.

Kushner Coming to Campus

Tony Kushner, the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright of *Angels in America*, will arrive on the Mountain Thursday to visit with classes and speak with the community. Kushner will read from his work at 9 p.m. in the Barn tomorrow evening, after which he and visiting director Oskar Eustis will hold an open dialogue. Check tomorrow's *Crumb* for further details and possible last-minute time changes.

Shirley Shares Research on Youth and Community

Bread Loaf Faculty member Shirley Brice Heath will show a video based on research she has done with youth-based community organizations. All are welcome to come and hear how to be an advocate for youth and to become more knowledgeable about how the media represents youth. The presentation will run from 4:30-5:30 this afternoon in Barn 1.

Theater-Goers Get Glimpse of *Girl's Life*

Actors in the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble, under the direction of Bread Loaf/NEH Faculty member Alan MacVey, will present a staged reading of Kathleen Tolin's newest work *A Girl's Life* this Friday and Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the Theater. Seating will be on a general admission basis, with performances lasting about two and a half hours.

Meet the Madrigalists

Prior to each of this weekend's dramatic presentations, the Bread Loaf Madrigalists will sing a short program of works just outside the theater. Madrigal Director Shawna Boll will raise the baton at 7:30, with ample time provided for pre-play seating.

"In fact, there's nothing that keeps its youth
So far as I know, but a tree and truth.
(This is a moral that runs at large;
Take it. - You're welcome. - No extra charge."

Fleet-Footed Fun Runner's Raffle

Asha Appel reminds one and all that the Charlie Orr Fun Run will take place this coming Saturday morning. Registration will begin at Johnson Pond at 9:15 for the 10:00 race; volunteers are urged to arrive at that time as well. T-shirts will be handed out at the event; please pay Asha the $10 minimum registration fee as soon as possible to reserve yours. Raffle tickets will also be available for a number of wonderful prizes; these will be available for $1 apiece at the race (runners receive one complimentary ticket but can purchase many more to help increase the scholarship funds collected). Race awards and raffle winners will be announced at lunch on Saturday; Asha warns that you must be present at lunch in the dining hall in order to claim your raffle prize.

Writers Wrap Up Reading Season

Kurt Caswell, Lilace Mellin, Laurie ONeill, and Juanita Lavadie will read from their works in this summer's final Blue Parlor Reading. Sunday's presentation will take place at the normal time of 7:30.

Sign Out Soon So Seniors Have Rooms

It's getting close to that time of the summer... In order to accommodate requests for guest housing over the Commencement weekend, the Innkeepers need to know when students will be leaving campus and which rooms will be available. Please take a moment to fill out the form below and return it to the Front Desk. Students are also reminded to turn in their evaluation forms before they leave campus, and to leave their I.D. cards at the Front Desk when they go. See Victoria if you have any questions or anticipate any problems.

Sign-Out Form

Name: _____

Room: _____

Date Leaving: _____

Floods Called For in Form-Cast

Students planning to return to any of Bread Loaf three campuses next summer should submit a re-application form to the office before leaving. This will assure you of first consideration for the sometimes limited number of spaces available each year, particularly at Oxford and Santa Fe. Students may also sign up at this time for work study positions (waiterships, computer TA-ships, etc.). Those students planning to graduate next summer are also reminded to sign up on the appropriate list in order to set the wheels in motion for Commencement '97.

The Bread Loaf office also has transcript request forms for those needing official verification of their graduate standing. The first official transcript is free; others can be sent for a small fee. Transcripts will be mailed out after final grades have been recorded.

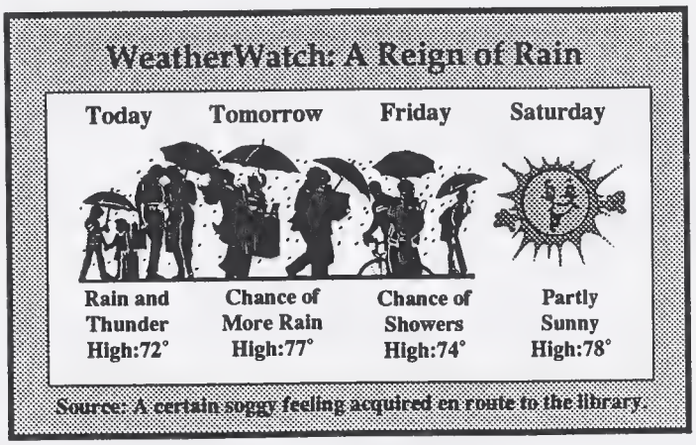
Lastly, non-student community members who have been auditing classes are reminded of the traditional (and inexpensive) $1 per class fee, which is charged on the honor system. Please remit to Elaine in the Bread Loaf office when she's not flailing about amidst all the forms flying her way.

Dampened Spirits Primed for Party

Saturday night's Barn Party will take place after the play (i.e. around 10:30), provided the spirits of the community haven't been summarily soddened by the recent wet weather. Anyone interested in DJ-ing the dance should speak with Ralph, Shue, or Jane sometime today to make arrangements. The Assistants remain open to any and all possibilities for the evening, so if you're feeling socially inspired, please make your creative intentions known to them between cloudbursts.

Software Facilitates Post-Session Connections

BreadNet wannabes can stop by the Computer Cellar next Monday or Tuesday to pick up BreadNet client software and instructional documentation. Please be sure to tell the TA on duty what kind of computer(s) you have so that they can give you the proper version and get you hooked up to the best connection in whole wide world-wide web.



Seniors Reschedule Social Events

Due to last-minute changes in the summer's schedule, the Senior Party planned for Thursday evening has been postponed. The Senior Cocktail Party at Ed and Victoria's this weekend will carry on as planned at 4:30 on Saturday. Co-Presidents Laura Flaxman and John Macuso remind those attending to bring $3.00 with them to Maris Cottage (across from the Inn) to help defray expenses.

FYI: BYOB for UPS

Students and staff members needing to send UPS shipments back home should bring their own boxes tightly taped up and ready to go on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday morning between 9 and 12 in the Inn Lobby, where Innkeeper Ed Brown will assist with shipment. All parcels will leave campus on Thursday afternoon, after which no further UPS pick-ups will be made. See Ed before Tuesday if you anticipate any problems.

All of Us Wander Home

Lots of folks figured out "Papa" Hemingway was the author of yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™, and today's gets slightly more challenging. In the Winners' Circle from Tuesday: Jess Teach, Anne Barton, Jamie Cowperthwait, Steve Duffy from Oxford, the Atkinses, Connie Palmisano, Katrien Sundt, Jay Wood, Kathy Trump, and Innkeeper Ed Brown. Guesses at today's are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow.

Lonely in Larch Meets Antsy in Annex

Still haven't hooked up this summer? This may be your chance... Our next Top Ten topic requires some creative romantic inspiration: Top Ten Bread Loaf-Style Personal Ads. Try to keep them brief (i.e. 15 words or less); payment of ten cents per word beyond that limit is acceptable and will vastly increase your chances of making it onto Friday's final list. (Future tabloid headline: "*Crumb* Kickback Scam Disclosed: Editor Forced to Fork Over Fortune!")

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Pulitzer Prize-Winning Playwright Appears

Author Tony Kushner, whose *Angels in America* won numerous awards for each of its two parts (*Perestroika* and *Millennium Approaches*), will read from his latest work this evening at 9:00 in the Barn. Following his presentation, he will discuss the development of *Angels in America* with visiting director Oskar Eustis, who originally commissioned the work. The two will also field questions from the audience. Tony's newest play, *Henry Box Brown*, will premiére next season at the Royal National Theatre in London.

A Girl's Life by Tolin Takes to Stage Tomorrow

Director Alan MacVey and members of the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble present Kathleen Tolin's new theatrical work, *A Girl's Life*, in a staged reading Friday and Saturday evening at 8 p.m. in the Burgess Meredith Theater. MacVey writes: "*A Girl's Life* is set in today's complex world, where science, politics, religion, and tradition place great pressure on young people growing up. It is the story of a teenage girl who becomes pregnant, and who's reluctant to ask her parents for help." The play lasts just over two hours; a discussion with the playwright and the director will follow each evening.

Fun-Runner and Raffle-Master Appel's Appeal

Organizer Asha Appel reminds runners signed up for this Saturday morning's Charlie Orr Memorial Fun Run to check in at the registration table starting at 9:15 so that the race can take place promptly at 10. Fun Run T-shirts will be distributed at Johnson Pond before and after the race for those who have paid their $10 minimum fee. Asha also reminds one and all that in addition to awards for the top runners, raffle prizes will be given out to those purchasing the dollar-a-shot tickets (race-runners automatically get one free ticket but are welcome and encouraged to buy even more to help benefit the Scholarship Fund). All awards and prizes will be distributed at lunch on Saturday, so plan to be there to pick up your winnings.

> "I had been my whole life a bell,
> and never knew it until at that moment
> I was lifted and struck."

Madrigalists Make Merry Melodies

The Bread Loaf Madrigalists, under the mellifluous supervision of Shawna Boll, will present a short program of choral works tomorrow and Saturday evenings at 7:30 just outside the Theater. All members of the Bread Loaf community are welcome to gather 'round and listen to the sweet sound of song.

President Sends out Senior Announcements

Senior Co-President Laura Flaxman reminds her peers of the Senior Cocktail Party at Maris Cottage Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Don't forget to bring along $3 to help defray the financing of finger foods and frothy or fermented refreshments.

Seniors are also hereby notified that caps and gowns are now available for purchase and pick-up in the Bookstore.

Sign-Ups and Sign-Outs Signs of Summer Wind-Up

End-of-session forms and lists of all kind await you at the Bread Loaf office. Sign up for sessions next summer at Santa Fe, Oxford, or Bread Loaf; sign up for 1997 work-study positions; fill out transcript request forms to have your grades sent to you or your employer. Non-enrolled auditors may also remit their $1 per class hour fee to Elaine. Evaluation forms can be turned in at the office as well, or dropped off at the Front Desk before you leave campus. Don't forget to complete and return the sign-out forms printed in the *Crumb*; the sooner you do this, the sooner Victoria can assign rooms for the guests of seniors graduating next weekend. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation on all of the above projects.

Finally, any corrections or changes to the address list should be turned in to Marilyn Delaney in the office ASAP; the *Crumb* will print an update early next week. Students with new e-mail addresses might consider submitting those as well.

Sign-Out Form

Name: _____

Room: _____

Date Leaving: _____

Bushwhackin' Lightcap Makes Tracks for Bread Loaf and Battell

Those who consider the Charlie Orr Fun Run on Saturday a mere warm-up for more ambitious excursions might consider joining George Lightcap and *Crumb* Editor Hugh Coyle for a hike up Battell and neighboring Bread Loaf Mountain this Sunday. The views to the west and south are spectacular from the top (if the clouds allow); the hike itself is moderate and lasts about three hours round trip. Meet on the porch of the Inn at 1:45 (right after lunch); the group should return in time for dinner.

Post-Play Playback Party

Come to the Barn Saturday night after the play (around 10:30) to kick up your heels and kick back a few cold ones at the last School-wide Barn Dance of the summer (not including the Senior Prom, of course). Taped tunes can be dropped off at the Front Desk for the Assistants to the Director, or just hand'em over to Jane, Ralph, or Shue prior to the dance for playback.

No Short Shrift Shown to Short Story Show

Students who have developed theater pieces from short stories will present their final work on Monday evening at 9 p.m. in the Burgess Meredith Theater. Each story has been selected, adapted, and rehearsed separately under the guidance of Barry Press. The program will last about an hour and a half.

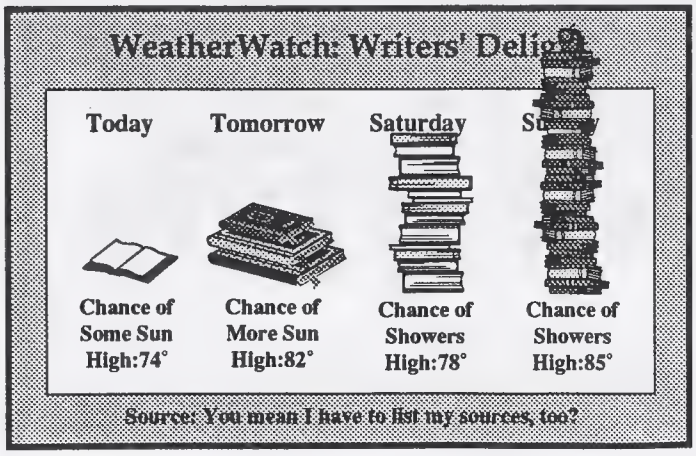
Exemplary Elementary Exhibits

On Friday through Wednesday, fifth grade students from the Ojo Elementary School on the Navajo reservation in Fruitland, New Mexico, will have their works on display in Barn Classroom 1. Says curator Dorothy Brooks, a DeWitt-Wallace fellow at Bread Loaf this summer, "come experience life in the Southwest through the eyes of children."

Life here at Bread Loaf is the theme for the Croutons Art Exhibit, now ongoing in the lobby of the Bread Loaf Inn. Check out the children's masterpieces as you assemble for meals.

NEH Note

Students in the NEH program are reminded that tomorrow's session will begin at 9:30 a.m. rather than the normal 10:00.



Blue-msbury Groupies Troop to Blue Parlor

If you haven't been to the Blue Parlor on a Sunday evening yet, you've been missing out on one of the best reading opportunities of the summer. This weekend, writers Lilace Mellin, Laurie ONeill, Juanita Lavadie, and Kurt Caswell will share their words with those gathered 'round at 7:30. Regulars know to arrive early for comfy seats; the rest of you will just have to squeeze in cross-legged on the carpet.

Syrup Seller Seeks Sweet Deal-Seekers

Once again this summer, librarian Chris Brady will offer home-made maple syrup and other sugarbush products for sale in Davison early next week. This spring's season produced especially sweet results; come see what Chris means when he talks about bringing home some "Vermont Gold."

Bookstore Bargains Beckon

Heather Best announces the sale of the season as she prepares to take twenty percent off nearly every item in stock at the Bookstore (caps and gowns excluded). Prices plummet Monday, and the savings continue all week long.

Boxer Brown Shows Knack with Packages

Innkeeper Ed Brown will assist students with sending off UPS packages next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings between 9 and 12, with final shipment on Thursday afternoon. Please bring boxes pre-packed and taped up securely; check with him in advance if you anticipate problems.

BreadNet Spreads

BreadNet client software and documentation will be made available to all tech-heads, new and old, next Monday and Tuesday in the Computer Cellar. When it comes to keeping in touch with people beyond the close of the summer session, BreadNet's your best bet. See Caroline Eisner or one of the Computer TA's if you have any questions.

She Taught Tinker-Bell to Talk

Only our two top contenders, Jay Wood and Connie Palmisano, retained their high honors by naming Oliver Wendell Holmes as the author of yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™. Today's quote comes from neither glass-ringer Greco nor Bell-Master Marilyn, but still somehow seemed to sum up the Bread Loaf summer experience. Guesses are due to the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow.

Torrid Top Ten

Summer not as steamy as you had anticipated? Then consider setting pen to paper for our next Top Ten: Top Ten Bread Loaf-Style Personal Ads. Submissions are due by tomorrow breakfast for publication at lunch.

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'...when the world is mud-
licious the little
lame balloonman
whistles far and wee.'

Oles Extols Margolis

Poet-in-residence Carole Oles will introduce visiting writer Gary Margolis to the Bread Loaf community this evening at 7:30 in the Barn. Margolis has published widely and is the author of *Falling Awake* and *The Day We Still Stand Here*. The reading is free and open to all.

Pair of Plays in Progress Produced

David Henry Hwang, author of *M. Butterfly* and other plays, offers us a glimpse at his latest work, *Golden Child*, in a staged reading this Friday and Saturday evening. A number of guest artist, under the direction of Oskar Eustis will present the play in the Burgess Meredith Theater beginning at 8:00 p.m. A discussion of the play will follow each of the performances.

On Sunday evening, Alice Twan will join guest actors in reading her newest work, *Ikebana*, under the direction of Ed Shea. Start time in the Burgess Meredith Theater will again be 8:00 p.m.

A Run for the Money

Bread Loafers who have signed up to take part in the Charlie Orr Fun Run are reminded to pay the minimum $10 entry fee at the Front Desk so that the T-shirts can be printed up and distributed at the race. Checks should be made payable to Middlebury College, with a memo line noting "Charlie Orr Fun Run." Sign-ups for the race will continue through next week, with the event itself taking place on Saturday, August 3rd, at 10 a.m. Contact Asha Appel for more details, or to volunteer your time on the day of the race.

Focus on Community-Based Curricula

Renee Moore, Sondra Porter, Rex Jim and Karen Mitchell will present their views on school/community-based student projects this afternoon at 4:45 in the upstairs conference room of Davison Library. The open discussion will look at how such projects can be integrated into both the elementary and high school curricula. All interested members of the Bread Loaf community are invited to attend.

"Steam" Theme

The Men of Annex invite one and all to this Saturday night's Suppressed Desires party, which features the theme "A Midsummer Night's Steam." The event is a "come as you want to be" affair, with prizes awarded for most auspicious costumes. The madness starts at 10 p.m.; don't miss out on what promises to be the most spectacular social event of the summer!

WeatherWatch: Puddle-Wonderful

Today	Tomorrow	Saturday	Sunday
Mix of Rain and Shine High:85°	Scattered Showers High:85°	Showers Possible High:79°	Partly Cloudy High:79°

Source: Bread Loaf Wood Nymph Weather Channel

Delaney's Desk Disappears

Marilyn Delaney of the Bread Loaf office reports that when her desk was replaced earlier this summer, she lost some materials which were in the original. If anyone has received a desk with a middle drawer full of supplies, please contact Marilyn ASAP so that they can be returned to their rightful owner.

I'll Do the Blue; You Come, Too

This weekend's Blue Parlor Reading features local poetic and prosaic notables Eliza Harding, Adrie Kusserow, Peter Newton, and Laura Dickerman. Please make note of the earlier-than-usual start time of 6:45 due to the theater performance immediately following at 8:00.

Damp Predictions Miff Madcap Mountain Man

Reports of unsettled weather over the next several days have set George on edge, but Mr. Lightcap still hopes to make an attempt at Mount Abraham this Saturday. All who wish to join him please meet at 8:45 on the porch of the Inn and be ready to roll from there; in the event of impending torrents, the trip will once more be postponed.

Someday Soon Your Prints Will Come

Be sure to get your School Photo order in soon so that prints can be developed and distributed by the end of the session. Cost is $6 apiece; orders can be placed at the Front Desk.

Front Desk Asks About Fix-It Tasks

A reminder that any problems with the physical facilities here on campus should be promptly reported to the Front Desk so that repair people can be dispatched.

Easier Clues Coming

Connie Palmisano distinguished herself from the field by being the sole correct respondent to yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™, originally written by Virginia Woolf. Guesses at today's speaker (who was the most easily identified author last summer) are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow.

"A Fistful of Crawlers:" Fishing for Phonemes in Western Nature Narrative

Having been off in the woods when the School photo was taken, the members of the Orion Institute hereby assert their prestigious presence on campus by composing the following nature-based Top Ten List of Rejected Paper Topics. (Entries for tomorrow's final edition will be fielded until Friday breakfast.)

Orion Institute's Top Ten Rejected Paper Topics

10. "My Slime Track of Desire:" Robert Michael Pyle on Sexual Practices of the Banana Slug
9. Love in the Time of E. Coli: Water Quality in Addison County
8. Moose Does Spruce: Solitary Mating Behavior in the Boreal Forest
7. An Analysis of Sexual Dysfunction in the Interrupted Fern
6. Refusing to Kiss the Eft: A Study in Caswellian Inhibition
5. Naked Beneath the Leaves: A Deconstructionist View of Nature
4. "Oh Swear Not by Alden's Inconsistent Moon:" Shakespeare in the Field
3. Tree Love: Journaling the Elder Way
2. Scat!: A Comparative Study of Ella Fitzgerald and the North American Bobcat
1. The Influence of Jim Beam on Fireside Narrative

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ENTERTAINMENT

NEW PLAY PRODUCED - Staged reading of Kathleen Tolan's latest, *A Girl's Life*. Directed by Alan MacVey; starring Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble. "Girl Rock" music by Jim Price. Discussion follows. Seats first come, first served. Fri/Sat, 8 p.m., Burgess Meredith Theater. [Note: Play deals with adult material (teen pregnancy, abortion, etc.); may not be suitable for younger audiences.]

MADRIGALISTS - Rare and delightful musical performances; two nights only (Fri/Sat). West Lawn (far side of theater); prompt start at 7:30.

PARTY HEARTY - Music for receptions/Barns/Bar Mitzvahs. Sat., 10:30 p.m. Tune requests taken; erotic dancers available. Call 1-800-HOT-SHUE.

SPORTING GOODS

FUN RUN T-SHIRTS - Ready for pick-up tomorrow morning before/after race. Registration starts 9:15; race at 10:00. Awards/raffle announced at lunch. Race begins at Johnson Pond. More info? See Asha Appel.

SOCCER TEAM - Bread Loaf team seeks new name for end-of-year game against Spanish team. Today, 4:30, behind Middlebury Field House downtown. Players. cheerleaders needed on site at 4:15. Contact Devereaux for more info.

CLOTHING

ACADEMIC APPAREL - Now for sale and pick-up in Bread Loaf Bookstore.

COMPUTING

FREE SOFTWARE! - BreadNet Client Software, current versions. PC and Mac. Best telecommunications package around. Free or best offer. Computer Cellar, Monday/ Tuesday only.

DINING

COCKTAIL PARTY - Seniors only. Sunday, 4:30, Maris Cottage. $3 cover.

RESERVATIONS - Commencement Banquet reservation service. All students and staff not sitting with seniors must stop by Front Desk to see Victoria for seat assignments.

HELP WANTED

BANQUET STAFF - Semi-experienced waiters/waitresses/bus staff for Senior Banquet. Paid position. See Laurie Greco or Todd Miller in Bread Loaf Dining Hall.

WAITERS/WAITRESSES/COMPUTER STAFF - Opportunities await for Summer 1997 on Vermont and New Mexico campuses.. Sign up outside Bread Loaf office.

"You know
Saturday night is better than Friday.
If you don't make out
you can take home
the great American consolation prize,
thirty cents worth of love,
the Sunday paper."

LOST AND FOUND

LOST: PARADISE. Return to John Milton, Box 666.

LOST: LUNCH ORDER FOR STATION 6. If known, contact Cece ASAP.

SERVICES

PROSE TO PLAYS - Will transform short stories into theater. Must-see demonstration: Monday, 9 p.m., Theater.

DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE - Updates to Bread Loaf 1996 Directory? Send to Marilyn Delaney. Changes published in next week's *Crumb*.

SERVICE LEARNING - Continued discussion on school-based community service following Senator Wofford's visit. Sunday, 4:45, Barn 1. All welcome.

Sign-Out Form

Name: _____

Room: _____

Date Leaving: _____

TRANSCRIPTS - Forms available outside Bread Loaf office. First one free; small fee for subsequent. "Creative enhancements:" check w/*Crumb* Editor for pricing.

HOUSEKEEPING/WAITSTAFF APPRECIATION - Tips/gratuities traditionally accepted. Leave name, dorm, and demarcation with funds at Front Desk.

LINEN - Final exchange Wednesday. Leave old linen stuffed in pillowcase at Front Desk if leaving early.

PACKAGE MAILING - Trained professional will assist with UPS needs. Tues-Thurs mornings, 9-12, Inn Lobby. Ask for Parcelmaster Ed.

ESCORT SERVICE - No date for play, dance? Handsome, professional, discreet. Call 1-900-MOA-STUD.

TRAVEL

ENGLAND! NEW MEXICO! Special academic packages. Check Bread Loaf office for applications; info sessions Monday (UK, Barn 1, 5 p.m.) and Tuesday (NM, Barn 1, 5 p.m.).

BREAD LOAF MOUNTAIN - Hike leaves Sunday, 1:45, from Front Porch of Inn. Back by dinner. Questions, concerns? See Hugh Coyle or George Lightcap.

EXOTIC LANDSCAPES - Many worlds visited in Blue Parlor Reading Series. This Sunday, journey with writers Laurie O'Neill, Juanita Lavadie, Kurt Caswell, and Lilace Mellin. Space limited. Blue Parlor, 7:30.

BASEMENTS OF BREAD LOAF - Includes inspirational Earthworm wine cellar tour and visit to hidden Computer Center "Chat Lady" room. Sign up by noon today; free cask of Amontillado for first twenty respondents.

FOR SALE

MAPLE MADNESS - Syrup and maple products for sale. Home-made; great prices. See Chris Brady in Davison Library, Mon 2-10, Wed 8:30-5:30. Great gifts and souvenirs.

CLOSING DOORS - Bread Loaf Bookstore seeks to get rid of literary inventory. Prices slashed 20% on most items. Sale starts Monday.

PAPERS, PAEPRS, PAPERS! - B-minnimum garantead! Many topics, from novels of Shakespeare to intentional phallusy in Post's modern plays. Prices negatable. Call 1-800-GOG-PAPR.

CONTESTS

HAIDUKE POETRY AWARD - Winners announced at lunch or dinner today. Copies of winning poems available Monday, Bread Loaf office.

QUOTE-OF-THE-DAY™ - Winners: Jay Wood, Laura Rochette. Yesterday: Annie Dillard. Today: Hot Rod Poet Takes Cue From McDonalds. Guesses due Monday breakfast.

TAMARACK TAN-LINE CONTEST - Canceled for this summer. Will try again next year.

PERSONALS

SM SEEKS S&M PDQ RSVP MOA ASAP. (MOA)

MARVELL-OUS MAN without much time seeks his coy mistress. (R4)

DICKENS DEVOTEE desires reader to examine his *Hard Times*. (KH)

TO MOA: Not tonight. Waiting for Godot. (InnV+K)

MÉNAGE A TRÓIS SEEKS FOURTH - Must have good strokes, esp. backhand. Call Treman. (KJB)

EAST COAST M SEEKS WEST COAST F for meaningful one-week relationship. Must have one-way plane ticket home. (R4)

DESPERATELY SEEKING SHAKESPEARE - Eager dramaturg seeks inquiring bards. Your playbill gets mine. (KH)

STANLEY AND STELLA - Seek third for discrete ride in streetcar. (MOA)

CROUTON LOLITA seeks professorial passion. "Be my Humbert Humbert." (R4)

COMPUTER ROOM GEEK looking to interface. Compatible hardware a must. (KJB)

CHERRY TART seeks quick pop-over. (InnV+K)

LONELY OLD PINE seeks young nubile Dougwood Tree; possibilities. (MOA)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT TOP TEN - Top Ten Ways to Be Sure of an "A" at Bread Loaf. Answers due Tuesday by breakfast.

IMPORTANT PHONE CHANGE - Starting August 19, Middlebury College will have a new number/exchange. Bread Loaf office to be 802-443-5418; new fax 802-443-2060. Please make note of this for future reference.

WeatherWatch: Blinded by the Light

Source: 1-900-HOT-DAZE

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Sanders To Speak Tonight

Scott Russell Sanders, author of *The Paradise of Bombs*, *Staying Put*, and *Writing from the Center*, will read from his work this evening at 7:30 in the Barn as part of the Orion Institute's reading series of contemporary nature writers. Sanders is currently at work on a new book entitled *Hunting for Hope*. A reception will follow in Treman, to which all are invited.

Press Presents "Living Literature"

Students who have been working with Barry Press this summer in the "Page to Stage" workshop will present their theatrical adaptations of short stories this evening in the Theater beginning at 9 p.m. The program will consist of five pieces and should run approximately 90 minutes; seating will be on a general admission basis.

Also, teachers from the New England area who are interested in bringing professional actors to the classroom to assist in similar projects are encouraged to pick up a "Living Literature" flyer detailing Barry's Providence-based group. Brochures are available near the Bread Loaf office bulletin board.

Non-Vermonters Anonymous

Jim Maddox will meet today and tomorrow with students interested in attending either of Bread Loaf's sister summer programs for the 1997 session. This afternoon at 5 p.m. in Barn 1, Jim will talk about the Oxford Program at Lincoln College in England. Tomorrow afternoon (same time, same place), he will discuss Bread Loaf's southwestern counterpart in New Mexico. All are invited to attend these informal presentations.

Prize-Winning Poets Published

The winners of the 1996 Bread Loaf Poetry Prize are Jeannie LeBlanc for her poems "Two Sisters" and "Grandfather Knew His Bible" and Eliot Sloan (at New Mexico) for his poem "Lost Cove." Honorable mentions go to Nicole Johnson, Bruce Ingersoll, Megan Quigley, and Laura Dickerman. There were a total of 49 entries this summer, comprising 86 poems. Contest judges Robert Pack and Carole Oles read submissions anonymously, passing any poems they recognized on to the other for consideration. Copies of the honored selections will be available in the Bread Loaf office beginning later today.

> "Time is dead as long as it is being clicked off by little wheels; only when the clock stops does time come to life."

Scream Savers

The Bread Loaf Computer Cellar will begin shutting down for the summer after regular hours on Wednesday. In order to accommodate last-minute emergencies, machines will be available on a limited basis on Thursday from 10-12:30 and 4-6, and again on Friday morning from 10-12:30, after which operations will close for the summer. See Caroline Eisner if you have any questions or concerns.

Caroline also reminds the community that copies of the BreadNet client software will be available in the Center today and tomorrow for those wishing to hook up on the School's electronic conference from their home sites. There is no charge for this software, and easy-to-follow documentation is available for both Mac and PC computers.

High Class Acting Class Acts

Students in Bread Loaf's two Acting Workshops will present their final scenes in public performances this Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The first night will feature participants in this summer's NEH workshop, with action starting at 7:30 in Barn A. The following night, Carol's regular class will present their pieces beginning at 7:00, also in Barn A. All are invited to come and cheer on their peers; please be careful to enter and exit between scenes only.

Farewell Feast

Jim Maddox will deliver his end-of-the-session remarks at a banquet in the dining hall this Wednesday evening at 6:00. Students not on the meal plan may purchase tickets for the regular price at the Front Desk.

Print Pick-Up

Those students and staff members who ordered copies of the School photos should stop by the Front Desk to pick them up (and pay for them, if you haven't already).

Sign-Out Form

Name: _____

Room: _____

Date Leaving: _____

Graduation Banquet Etiquette

Victoria insists that all students and staff who have not been scheduled to sit at a particular table for the Senior Banquet please see her at the Front Desk soon so that she can finalize the dining hall seating plan. All seats are reserved and space is very limited, so if you're not signed up (even if you're on the meal plan), you'll be turned away at the door.

Also, anyone who is interested in earning some extra cash by waiting tables at the Banquet should be in touch with Headwaiters Laurie Greco or Todd Sumner sometime soon, as substitutes are often needed for the meal.

Revue Due in Two

The Bread Loaf Gospel Choir will premiere two nights from now (this Wednesday evening) at the Bread Loaf Revue at 9 p.m. in the Barn. Says group organizer Carolann North: "Our debut performance includes narration that outlines the evolution of gospel music from spirituals to the contemporary gospel hits of today. Be there and get blessed."

Carolann also asks that other acts performing in the Revue please send her the correct spellings of their names, the titles of their acts, and the approximate lengths of time needed for their performances. She needs this information by lunch tomorrow so that she can print up the program.

Fly-by-Night Ultimate

Bread Loaf Ultimate Frisbee Motivator Laurie Greco announces that the final game of the summer (and her own as a pre-degree Bread Loafer) will take place this Wednesday night at 9:30 on the playing field. This annual "moonlight" game will also feature refreshments, so come help make her summer send-off a spectacular one.

Exit Praxis

Students checking out for the summer are reminded to turn in their evaluation forms and drop off their keys and I.D. cards (along with tips for the waiters and/or the housekeeping staff) at the Front Desk before heading down the Mountain. You should also check your mailbox one last time; all boxes will be emptied on Sunday evening, with subsequent forwardable mail sent on to you via the Bread Loaf office.

WeatherWatch: Simmering Summertime

Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday	Thursday
	etc.	etc.	etc.
Hazy, Hot and Humid High:87°	Hazy, Hot and Humid High:88°	Hazy, Hot and Humid High:90°	Hazy, Hot and Humid High:90°

Source: *The Sweaty Students' Hot Weather Handbook*

Lost and Found

Ed Brown is missing a camera tripod that he had stored behind the Front Desk of the Inn. Also, a camera was found in the theater this weekend following the performance of *A Girl's Life*; it can be picked up at the Front Desk. Also in the School's lost and found is a nice raincoat left behind at Earthworm following the BLRTN meeting last week.

Due Days at Davison

Students are reminded to come and return all library books and settle their accounts with the librarians at Davison prior to leaving the Mountain this summer. "Otherwise," warns Benevolent Brent behind the desk, "A bill for the book will beat you home."

Shutterbug's Summer Show

Bread Loaf's own roving photo man Ed Brown will present a slide show of his snapshots this Wednesday evening at 10:30 in the Barn (time approximate after the Bread Loaf Revue). Last year's show received rave reviews and proved to be the perfect way to reflect on the summer. If there's enough interest, a repeat showing may be scheduled for Thursday night; check future *Crumbs* for announcements.

Elementary Meeting

The Elementary Group will meet in the Blue Parlor this evening at 6:45 for one hour to finalize plans made online for the beginning of the year. Caroline Eisner will spend a few minutes talking to the group about online conferencing.

The Week at a Glance

Monday		
5:00	Oxford Presentation	Barn 1
7:30	Reader: Scott Russell Sanders	Barn
9:00	Page to Stage Presentation	Theater
Tuesday		
5:00	New Mexico Presentation	Barn 1
7:30	NEH Acting Scenes	Barn A
Wednesday		
6:00	Farewell Banquet	Dining Hall
7:00	Acting Class Scenes	Barn A
9:00	Bread Loaf Revue	Barn
10:30	Ed Brown's Slide Show	Barn
Friday		
9:00	Senior Prom	Barn
Saturday		
1:00	Senior Picnic	West Lawn
6:00	Senior Banquet	Dining Hall
7:30	Commencement	Theater
9:00	Graduates' Reception	Barn
Sunday		
Say goodbye...		

Review Received

The new issue of the *New England Review* (edited right here at Middlebury College by Bread Loaf's own Stephen Donadio) has arrived. Stephen writes: "This issue has new fiction by John Hawkes, Wendy Brenner, and Michael Carroll, among others, poetry by Rachel Hadas, Albert Goldbarth, Khaled Mattawa, Dennis O'Driscoll and others, new translations of some wild Marinetti stuff (part of a manifesto, and a section of a poem called 'The Pope's Monoplane'), essays on New York art, art in the Terezin concentration camp, Robert Lowell's literary appropriations, politics in poetry (an essay by W.S. DiPiero), and a good deal more." Copies and subscription forms are available in the Bookstore.

Final Reminder on Forms and Sign-Ups

If you can't yet list for yourself the various forms and sign-up sheets that await at the Bread Loaf office, then you should probably just check in with Elaine Hall in person for a hand-held tour through the reapplication process.

$service with a $mile

In keeping with cultural practice, it is a tradition at Bread Loaf to offer tips and gratuities to two groups of people who have provided us all with a great deal of service: the waitstaff and the housekeeping staff. They've kept our coffee cups full and our living quarters clean all summer, and asked for oh so little in return. To show your appreciation, you may drop off cash or checks at the Front Desk before you leave; please attach your name, room number, and designation (i.e. how much to whom) along with any amount you might pass on. Many thanks.

The Last of the Linen

The final Nu-Way linen exchange will take place behind the Inn this Wednesday at the regular time. If you are leaving earlier, please bundle up your linens and drop them off at the Front Desk before you go.

Box Jock Brown's Shipping Tips

Innkeeper Ed Brown will be on hand tomorrow through Thursday mornings (9-12) to assist with UPS shipments. All packages will leave Bread Loaf on Thursday afternoon; after that time, students must make arrangements downtown to ship off their parcels. See Ed ASAP if you expect any headaches.

Bookish Brady Becomes Mapleman

Chris Brady, one of Vermont's finest refiners of maple syrups, will offer the fruits of his labor for sale today from 2-10 in Davison Library and again on Wednesday from 8:30-5:30. "An exquisitely delicious reminder of Vermont," wrote the *Crumb*'s syrup critic in 1994. "Five star flavor," raved the reviewer in '95. This year, the final verdict is similarly stunning: "Thith year'th thyrup ith the tathetietht yet!."

Bookstore Becomes Bargain Basement

If you haven't already been, you've probably missed out on some of the most popular items, but even so, the Bread Loaf Bookstore will continue its 20% off sale for the remainder of the week. Come on down and check out the big bargains in the Annex basement!

College Call Protocol

Beginning August 19, Middlebury College will have its own telephone exchange separate from the Middlebury town "388" exchange. Please note these important phone number changes for future reference: Bread Loaf Office: (802) 443-5418; Elaine Hall: (802) 443-5260; Sandy LeGault (802) 443-5053; Bread Loaf Fax: (802) 443-2060.

Furious Writer Will Sum Up Summer

Only Katrien Sundt identified Rod McKuen as the source of last Friday's verse on the solace of the Sunday paper. Guesses at today's are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow.

Top Ten Takes the "A" Train

Tomorrow's Top Ten category is : Top Ten Ways to Be Sure of an "A" at Bread Loaf. Suggestions for this final list of the summer are due by breakfast tomorrow in the *Crumb* mailbox.

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Acting Attractors

Students in Carol MacVey's Acting Workshops will unveil their final scenes for the public tonight and tomorrow night. This evening's program features participants in the NEH workshop and begins at 7:30 in Barn A. Tomorrow evening, the Acting class will present their pieces beginning at 7:00, also in Barn A. All are welcome to come and provide a supportive audience for the players, but please plan to enter and exit between scenes only.

Southwestern Session Presentation

Jim Maddox will meet this afternoon with students interested in next summer's Bread Loaf session in New Mexico. The discussion will take place at 5:00 in Barn 1.

Loafers Weaned from Machines

The Computer Cellar will power down for the summer beginning on Thursday, when open hours will be limited to 10-12:30 and 4-6. On Friday morning, a limited number of machines will be available from 10-12:30, after which operations will close for the summer. Caroline and the Computer Crew remind all those with laser-printing tabs to pay off their debts before leaving for the summer or risk the wrath of Rocky and Robert, her hard-hitting henchmen.

Barry Brings Literature to Life

Barry Press, who led this summer's "Page to Stage" workshop, reminds teachers from the New England area that his "Living Literature" program can bring professional actors into their classrooms to assist in similar projects. For more details, check out the brochure Barry has posted on the bulletin board near the map.

Feel-Good Photophilia

Last summer's slide show was such a resounding success that Ed Brown has turned it into an annual tradition. Come see the results of his photographic forays tomorrow evening at 10:30 (after the Revue) in the Barn. Unless you've been living in a cave all summer, chances are good that you'll see yourself on the silver screen; Ed also promises some rare glimpses behind the scenes here at Bread Loaf, so don't miss it!

"O! call back yesterday, bid time return."

Coronation Nomination

Ballots may now be cast for the Senior Prom King and Queen using the official entry form printed below. The list of eligible seniors is posted outside the Bread Loaf office. This summer's winners will be crowned at midnight Friday during the Senior Prom in the Barn, to which all remaining Bread Loafers are invited.

Director Delivers Dinnertime Descant

Jim Maddox will preside over the end-of-the-session dinner tomorrow evening the dining hall at 6:00. Students not on the meal plan should plan to purchase tickets for the dinner at the Front Desk.

Lazy Loafers to Go without Grub

Innkeeper Victoria Brown writes, "I have gone through the departure slips, and it appears that many people plan to stay through Sunday, yet only one person has signed up for the Senior Banquet on Saturday night. Students need to remember that if there is not a reserved seat for them at the Senior Banquet, they will not be able to eat in the dining room."

Revue Debut

The Bread Loaf Revue, featuring a performance by Bread Loaf's First Gospel Choir, will provide enlightening entertainment for one and all tomorrow evening in the Barn beginning at 9 p.m. Performers should have contacted Carolann North by lunchtime today with information about their acts; if you haven't yet, please track her down immediately.

Leaving the Loaf, Alas

Those Bread Loafers checking out before the rest of us are reminded to hand in their evaluation forms, turn in their I.D. cards, and bring back their room keys to the Front Desk.

Official 1996 Prom King and Queen Ballot

Prom Queen: _____

Prom King: _____

Take Time to Take Back Texts

All books are due back at Davison Library this week, so please take a moment to check through your rooms for tucked-away textbooks and hidden editions. You may also consider checking with the staff at Davison to be sure your account is clear, lest the Middlebury Comptroller become your most frequent correspondent over the coming year.

Tips on Tips

Tips may be left for the waitstaff and housekeepers at the Front Desk. When dropping off your contribution toward either crew, please be sure to note your name and room number, as well as instructions telling to whom the gratuity should be awarded.

Y'All Have a Ball Calling Hall

There was a typographical error in yesterday's *Crumb* regarding Elaine Hall's new Bread Loaf phone number. Please note that beginning August 18th, the following phone numbers will be in effect: Bread Loaf Office: (802) 443-5418; Elaine Hall: (802) 443-5360; Sandy LeGault (802) 443-5053; Bread Loaf Fax: (802) 443-2060.

Times Ends Wednesday

Tomorrow marks the last day of delivery for the *New York Times* at the Front Desk. Readers, take note.

Prints Ready for Pick-Up

All those who ordered copies of the School Photos are reminded to pick them up at the Front Desk before leaving. Those who have not yet paid for their prints are asked to do so ASAP.

Best and Brady Boast of Big Bargains

While Heather Best continues her 20% off sale in the Bookstore, Librarian Chris Brady will once again offer his home-grown Vermont maple syrup for sale in Davison tomorrow from 8:30-5:30. "Bring home the gold," says Brady, whose world-record-setting sugaring this past spring has provided some of the best maple products in years.

WeatherWatch: Johnson, Here We Come!

Today	Tomorrow	Thursday	Friday
Hazy, Hot and Humid High:90°	Hazy, Hot and Humid High:95°	Hazy, Hot and Humid High:90°	Chance of Thunder High:85°

Source: Basking for Trouble: A Pond Addict's Guide to Heat Prostration

Festival Editor Solicits Subscribers

Jim St. Pierre sends out a last call for subscribers to the *Festival* newsletter at the rate of $6 per year (four issues). Leave your name and address (along with payment if possible) in Jim's box if interested.

Postmaster Plans Parcel Pick-Up

Thursday is the final day to ship out packages from the Bread Loaf campus. Ed Brown will be available in the lobby of the Inn between 9 and 12 in the mornings to assist with postage. Please see him sometime today if you anticipate any packing problems. Ed would also like to publicly congratulate Sandy McCullough for helping out the federal deficit with her record-setting stamp purchase of $121.22 this morning.

No Holds "Barred"

Chris Onken and Connie Palmisano correctly identified William Faulkner as yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™ speaker. Today's will be our last unidentified author, and as such we've made it an easier one. Cast your final chances for fame and fortune into the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow.

Top Ten Takes the "A" Train

Here it is, the final list for the summer, and one to which the Men of Annex felt no need to respond ("How to get an A at Bread Loaf? As if WE have to worry about that..." sayeth one). So, rather than proclaim that there are MANY ways to get an "A" at Bread Loaf, the *Crumb* has settled on seven. Thanks to all those who have contributed over the summer; you have brought much joy and rib-tickling relief to your fellow classmates!

Top Ten (or Less) Ways to Be Sure of Getting an "A" at Bread Loaf

7. In the middle of a lecture, go into a trance and proclaim yourself the Oracle of Delphi. Declare that your professor will soon be teaching at a junior college unless you get an A. (InnV+k+C)
6. Ben & Jerry's for the whole class. (KH)
5. Discuss embedded psychosocial mirroring in the menu while having dinner with your professor. (KH)
4. Offer to retype the professor's student comment cards using the Director's favorite font. (SC)
3. Kidnapping Deal: *Crumb* Editor's safe return for an A (KH)
2. Arrange for impromptu slide show: "Professor (Fill in name): Teacher, Author, Life Changer." (SC)
1. Mess around with the Reverend. (inspired by InnV+K+C's *Scarlet* response)

The Key: InnV+K+C=Victoria Chance, Kathy Trump, and Cece Lewis; SC=Scott Christian; KH=KLAPP HaPPy (You know who they are!).

The Crumb

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FINAL EXAM

In honor of this last day of classes, the *Crumb* presents this summer's Final Exam. Please write answers legibly and shade in the ovals completely with a Number 2 pencil.

Word Choice

In the paragraphs below, choose the most appropriate word from the options offered.

Today is the last full day for (sweating over papers/netsurfing) in the Computer Cellar. Hours tomorrow will be limited to 10-12:30 and 4-6. On Friday morning, hours will be from 10-12:30, after which the Center will be (closed/fumigated) for the summer. Talk to (Caroline Eisner/Bill Clinton) if you anticipate problems.

The Bread Loaf Revue premieres this evening at 9 p.m. in (the Barn/Johnson Pond) and will feature the debut of Bread Loaf's First (gospel choir/one-man polka band). Other acts featuring (community performers/Millie the Musical Moose) will follow.

The Bread Loaf Madrigalists will have one more mandatory rehearsal to rehearse their (songs/marching formations) for Commencement. Singers are asked to gather in (the Barn/Carnegie Hall) tomorrow at 5 p.m. for one last (run-through/run-in).

Ballots for Prom King and Queen are now being (cast/stuffed) at the Front Desk. Winners will be (announced/inebriated) by midnight at the Senior Prom Friday night in the Barn. The dance begins at 9 p.m. and lasts until (1 a.m./the cows come home).

Essays (of sorts)

A former Bread Loafer has begun teaching 8th and 9th grade English/Literature at private school in Georgia and has asked for your ideas. What would you write to her? (Send responses to: Michelle Findley, 405 River Glen Trace, Atlanta GA 30328).

"The life which is unexamined is not worth living."

Mark Wright has offered to coordinate a field trip of sorts to see *Angels of America* in Providence, Rhode Island, when the Trinity Repertory Theatre stages both parts of the play this fall. The tentative date for seeing the performance, which includes members of the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble, is October 19-20. Develop a schedule that would allow you to attend this reunion-style gathering and let Mark know of your interest by dropping him a note in his mailbox.

Multiple Choice

Bread Loafers staying on through the final weekend have many options for dinner on Saturday evening. Choose one (and only one) from the list below:

a. I'm a Senior and don't have to trouble myself with such trivial details.
b. I'm special and have been invited to sit at a Senior's table.
c. I've talked to Todd or Laurie about working as a waiter at the banquet for cash.
d. I've signed up with Victoria at the Front Desk to reserve a space for myself.
e. I'll be pulling up to the drive-thru at McDonald's that night because I was too darn lazy to make arrangements with Victoria for the Banquet despite all the announcements in the *Crumb*.

Greco's Last Grasp: Though she'd rather not apply this particular definition of "ultimate," Laurie Greco invites one and all to her final Frisbee fling of the summer, the night-time toss-around party, this evening at 9:30 p.m. The party will take place:

a. in the Computer Cellar
b. on the playing field
c. in Atlanta
d. in the Milkhouse
e. wherever you hear the sound of that clinking glass

Ye Royale 1996 Prom King and Queen Ballot

Prom Queen: _____

Prom King: _____

Thou shouldst cast this ballot forthwith at the Front Desk

Summer's almost over, and you're still searching for souvenirs to bring home. Which of the following would Chris Brady in the library be able to provide today to help ease your dilemma? (check all that apply)

a. Maple syrup
b. Vermont gold
c. Sugarbush sweetness
d. all of the above
e. everything listed and more

Which of the following new Bread Loaf numbers is/are incorrect?

a. Bread Loaf Office: (802) 443-5418
b. Jim Maddox: (800) BIG-BOSS
c. Elaine Hall: (802) 443-5360
d. Sandy LeGault (802) 443-5053
e. Edward Brown: (900) HOT-PICS
f. Bread Loaf Fax: (802) 443-2060.

Jay Wood, Connie Palmisano, and the Atkinses all crossed the Quote-of-the-Day finish line with stellar performances after identifying yesterday's author as:

a. Wilhelm Makesbeer
b. Gilliam Wakespeter
c. William Shakespeare
d. Willy's Fake Beard
e. Madonna

Which of the following should be done prior to leaving the Mountain for the summer? (check all that apply)

__ Turn in I.D. card at the Front Desk
__ Turn in evaluation form to the Office or Front Desk
__ Return all library books to library
__ Kiss the bust of Robert Frost in the Inn Lobby
__ Drop off room key if you have one
__ Pay off fines in library and printing tabs in Computer Cellar
__ Check grounds and pond perimeter for discarded clothing
__ Leave a tip for the waitstaff and housekeepers
__ Say hello to everyone you didn't get a chance to meet yet this summer
__ Pick up (and pay for if not done) copies of School Photos you ordered
__ Give your mailbox one last check for mail
__ Take one more picture of the place
__ Sign up for next summer at the Bread Loaf office
__ Sigh all the way down the road

True or False

___ Ed Brown will present a slide show in the Barn at 10:30 tonight.
___ Many members of the community will be projected onto the screen.
___ People will laugh; people will cry.
___ Exclusive pictures will show faculty members touring Bread Loaf's "paper-grading sweatshops" in the basement of Maple.
___ A good time will be had by all.

Word Problem

WAITER A is traveling toward the faculty tables touting a tray laden with 5 fried chickens and 4 fritatas at a speed of 12 m.p.h. on leaving the kitchen. WAITER B is traveling toward the kitchen balancing five plates of upside-down-pudding cake at a speed of 8 m.p.h. DINER A asks WAITER A for a cup of hot water; DINER B asks WAITER B for decaf coffee and cake without much pudding; DINER C also asks WAITER B for a refill of iced tea with a twist of lemon and wants comments on the thesis statement for the paper he's writing; DINER D asks WAITER A for half a serving more of the fritata with a small piece of dark meat on the side; DINER E asks WAITER B for decaf, dessert, a refill of iced tea, a serving of fritata, and hot water in a travel mug, even though she's just arrived in the dining hall at 6:42 and is sitting at the station of WAITER C, who has just been told while scraping her professor's plates that her paper needs to be completely rewritten. Calculate the amount of time it would take for complete Pandemonium to ensue, and how much of a tip would be sufficient to offset that prospect.

Math Skills

The hard cover copy of *The Upper Crust: New and Selected Classic Crumbs* costs $22.95 in the Bookstore. Given that Heather Best is taking 20% off nearly every item in stock this week, calculate the new price for such a literary masterpiece.

Extra Credit

Predict the weather for the next four days.

THE GRUMB
Cartoon Edition

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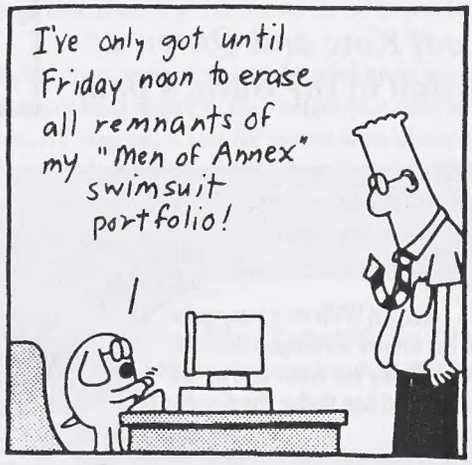
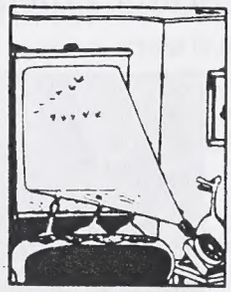
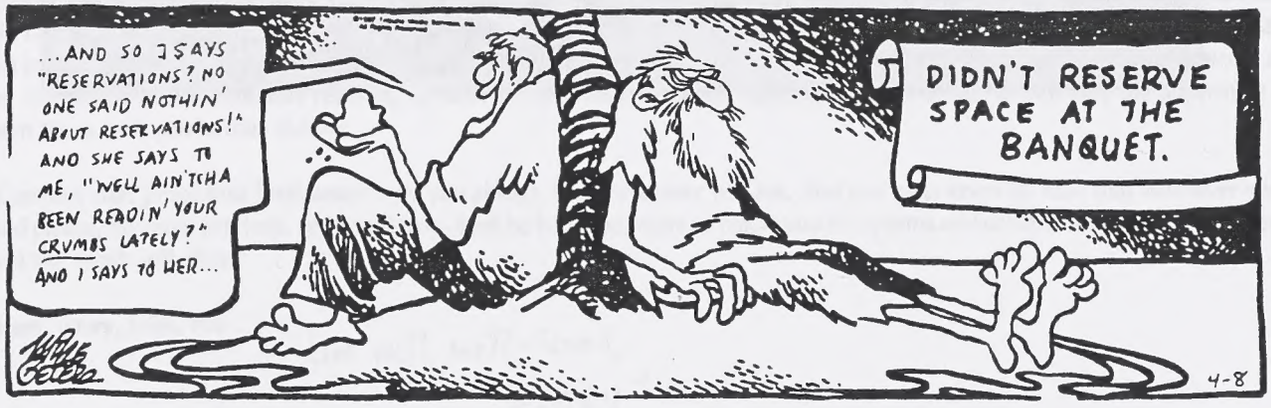
The Crouton Babysitting service Saturday evening gets out of hand. $4 per hour per child; register with Elaine by Friday.



Son of Ed's Slide Show
Tonight, 8 p.m., Barn



"And here are the fledglings heading south with the Maddoxes after Bread Loaf."



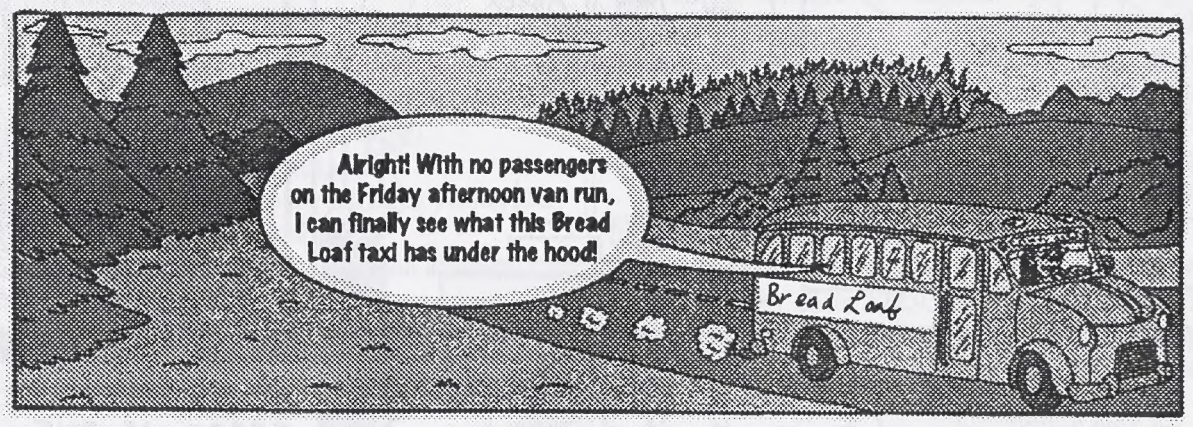
Ye Royale 1996 Prom King and Queen Ballot

Prom Queen: _____

Prom King: _____

Thou shouldst cast this regal ballot at the Front Desk

Come see the Bread Loaf King and Queen at the Senior Prom! Saturday in the Barn, 9 p.m.



The Final Crumb

Friday, the 9th of August, 1996
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My dear sweet Ellen,

News of your leaving has my branches hanging limp with sorrow, and the morning rain dripping from the tips of my needles seems as close to crying as an old pine such as myself can come. How I long to have you, at least once more, spread out across my roots for one last intimate encounter. With every breath of wind through my boughs I will be calling your name, calling you back to me here in the forest.

Perhaps, since the van will be taking no passengers downtown today, you will have a spare moment in your schedule to squeeze me in. Surely you won't be playing tennis this afternoon, either, owing to the weather or to the tournament for which the courts have been reserved. Could I convince you then to venture off once again, to wrap your arms around my trunk and quiet me in my weeping state?

Ah, Ellen! What thoughts I have had of you lately. This talk of electing a Prom King and Queen for this evening's Senior Dance fills me with such images…images of you, my dearest one, stripped of your drab Bread Loaf T-shirt and shorts and robed instead in regal garments knit with my own sharp needles. Such royalty this Mountain has never seen before! I shall write your name on every ballot and send along songbirds to cast my votes at the Front Desk by dinner today. If only I could pull myself off this mountain ridge line to dance with you at midnight tonight, I would shiver to the pith as we swept across the Barn floor. (And please, dear Ellen, in respect of my kith and kin, remind your friends to bring their own recyclable beverage containers lest the assistants be forced to use paper.)

If we will not join together this evening in dance, then perhaps you might steal away from the picnic on the West Lawn tomorrow at lunch to pass an hour or two with this old friend. You'll have plenty of time before you need to report to the Blue Parlor and from there to the Banquet at 6:00 in the dining hall. Since I haven't reserved a seat for myself with Victoria, I won't be able to attend (a silly prospect when you consider it; how did you expect the dining hall to accommodate me when you suggested it?), I shall hold a bottle of wine here at the ready for you, knowing you can't bring your own to that glorious feast, and we shall drink into the wee hours of the morning and celebrate your climax in the academic world! But of course, you will be busy with your Commencement ceremony at 7:30 and a reception in the Barn after that — not much time left after all for an effusively crying conifer standing alone in the field.

Perhaps, during the proceedings, some small tot from Croutons will cross my path, for I hear there will be child-sitting services available from 5:30 p.m. on. I shall have someone check with Elaine Hall today to see who has registered; at $4 per hour per child, the service is bound to attract some potential company for my fellow firs near Dragon's Den.

Sweet, sweet Ellen — the supple twigs I've wrapped around this pencil quiver at the thought of writing good-bye. How much more they would rather reach out to you than record the passage of our summer, and yet, it must be so. But Ellen, do me once again a small favor. When you pick up your School photo (and pay for it, though I know you must have done so already), look off into the distance. I am back there, my dearest, behind the Inn, reaching up with all the force I can muster so that any part of me, even if only my uppermost tip, can be seen there with you in that picture.

Consider that proof that I will watch over you always, Ellen, wherever you are. And you must know by now that whenever you return — and please, my most precious, return often — I will be here once more to cradle you in my arms and whisper in your ear the softest songs of love the winds will allow.

I am yours, Ellen, ever.

Live well, well-loved,
"Piney"

Ye "Last Chance" Royale 1996 Prom King and Queen Ballot

Prom Queen: _____

Prom King: _____

Thou shouldst cast this regal ballot at the Front Desk